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School students' military boot camp adventure. See page 6.

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Victorian Fair a great success!

LLANTWIT MAJOR enjoyed great weather for its Victorian Faur Day an event which takes place every two years.

The town was packed with revellers, enjoying the warm sunshine, while those dressed in Victorian costume probably found it a touch hot!

There was entertainment all around the town, with a main stage giving a chance for local young (and slightly older) talent to shine.

One local band guaranteed to set toes tapping were 'The Thingamujigs' (pictured above).

A bucket collection took place to raise funds for the Big Wrap Appeal which provides Christmas presents for disadvantaged youngsters.

Quite a number of visitors from neighbouring towns took the chance to drink responsibly by leaving the car at home and coming along for the day by train.

With the heatwave poised to strike this Saturday (June 29) it looks as if the event organisers timed the event to perfection!

Cowbridge school basks in the glow of Estyn approval

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School has received a "sensational" inspection report having been rated excellent in all five categories of assessment, reported a spokesperson for the Vale Council.

The school, which recorded record-breaking A-Level results last summer and the best GCSE performance in its history, was also given top marks across the board by inspectors.

In the areas of standards; wellbeing and attitudes to learning; teaching and learning experiences; care, support and guidance and Leadership and management, Cowbridge was awarded the highest grade possible.

Inspectors have even invited the school to submit a case study of their work in sustaining excellence to be used as an example to others on Estyn's website.

The report said: "Strong, assured leadership, careful curriculum planning and consistently effective teaching to educate and inspire young people have been successful in securing exceptionally high levels of pupil attainment and well-being at Cowbridge Comprehensive School."

In the standards section, the report continued: "Most pupils are enthusiastic learners. They take obvious pride in their work and make strong progress in lessons. They recall previous learning well and apply this knowledge and understanding confidently in different, challenging situations."

In the area of well-being and attitudes to learning, inspectors found: "Nearly all pupils behave maturely and respectfully in lessons and around the school.

"They are polite towards their teachers, peers and visitors, and possess a strong sense of responsibility and citizenship."

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LLANMAES Village Fete and Blacksmith's Arms Beer Festival takes place on Saturday, July 6, from 1pm.

Attractions include the Aberthin Tractor Boys, Brian Moore's mouth challenge, craft stalls, 'Splat the Rat', coconut shy, vintage rose, bottle stall and much more.

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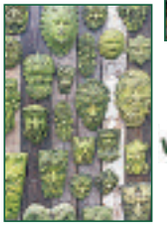
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'The Three Lions do matter!'

NO, do not forget those 'Three Lions on a shirt'.

The women's football team are the 'here and now' and have done really well in the World Cup.

We ought to be fully supporting the advancement of the game for females. Also, of course, the English side are the only UK representatives remaining in the competition.

All due respect for the British Lions rugby players as shown, but that headline is not good.

Probably it was supposed to be humorous, but actually it smacks of bigotry and misogyny in my eyes.

Mr M C Hoskins, Boverton

GEM NOTE: *For readers who may have forgotten, the headline in question, 'Forget those 'three lions on a shirt' – Cowbridge has five lions in a pub!' was prompted by the fact that five British Lions live within a mile or so of The Edmondes Arms in Cowbridge.*

It was indeed meant to be humorous, and we had in mind the famous Baddiel/Skinner football song, entitled 'Three Lions (Football's Coming Home)'. Had we been referring to Steph Houghton and her team-mates, (and we wish them all the best when they take on Norway later today), we would, of course, have said 'Lionesses'.

'Frustration' at Welsh Assembly 'incompetence'

WE are fully supportive of the letter in last week's GEM from Ade Pitman of Barry asking the question: 'Just who is the Welsh Assembly actually serving?'

We have long felt frustration at the obvious incompetence of the Assembly and its latest decision to dodge the question of congestion on the M4 around Newport has only served to entrench our view that it is not fit for purpose.

We are clearly not being served as a country by a group of politicians who move around between posts within the Assembly and receive no real opposition or any influx of new ideas from younger recruits.

It is a shameful situation and reflects so badly on Wales as a democratic country. We do not come across anyone inside or outside Wales who has any respect for the Assembly.

We are happy to be involved in a campaign to have another referendum when the competency of the Assemble would be scrutinised.

It really is time that the people of Wales were given the opportunity to interrogate the Assembly members and decide if this is how they wish to be represented.

Rose and David Hoskin, Cowbridge.

Get Together gives hope

ON June 23, I attended a wonderful event in Llantwit Major to remember Jo Cox, the Labour MP who was brutally murdered by a far-right extremist.

The Great Get Together enables communities across the UK to host events over a weekend to celebrate all that it is good that binds us together. Attending the event in Llantwit, I was filled with genuine hope that despite the turbulent and toxic times we are living through, the people of the Vale are determined to build a stronger community: one that is based on inclusion, respect and dignity.

Also evident for all to see were the families who came, made bunting, baked cakes, some tidied up in the rain and others kept the cups of tea going. We were together as one group, sharing ideas on what's good about living in our area and what we could do to see things improved. I want to thank Laura Henderson and her team for organising and bringing us all together.

As the Labour Parliamentary candidate for the Vale I am proud that Jo Cox's work lives on through the Great Get Together events and I am equally proud of my fellow Vale residents. As Jo Cox stated in her maiden speech to Parliament, "we are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us."

Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, Vale Labour Parliamentary Candidate

Parking on the pavement

THE issue of drivers parking their vehicles on the pavement was raised via the Readers' Letters page in The GEM (June 20).

In response, may I say: parking on the pavement was once frowned upon, a 'no-no'.

It now appears this manner of parking a vehicle has become the default, by indifferent drivers putting convenience first.

For the pedestrian an obstacle and, for the less mobile, another obstruction.

A traffic warden recently informed me that the police set the precedence for the issuing of parking tickets.

Their instructions regarding vehicles parked on the pavement being: only ticket vehicles with 'double yellow lines' on both sides.

If this really is police policy, then thoughtless parking will become acceptable practice, the norm, and lawfully disregard the pedestrian.

Ronald K Davies, Barry.

Welsh Assembly is failing Wales

FURTHER to Ade Pitman's letter about the Welsh Assembly, I agree with him wholeheartedly.

I do not believe that Wales needs this talking shop, the £114m conversation about the M4 is a case in point and the AMs should be afraid that the conclusions drawn by the UK public about the EU may be echoed by the people of Wales about this organisation.

The people of Barry are already annoyed by the fact that a building on the old Barry Docks site has been completed and the members of the Welsh Assembly have continued to prevaricate over the licensing of this building to burn biomass.

The Senedd has a biomass burner at its heart.

Paul Blanchard Barry

'Business park plans not all positive' says reader

WE had just one week's notice via an advert in The Barry GEM and a leaflet through our door, regarding an exhibition outlining the proposed new business park in Rhoose.

We attended this and gave feedback to Legal and General outlining all the negatives including the short notice.

We were surprised to read a report on June 13, highlighting all its perceived 'positives' but with no mention of the negatives, ie housing allocation, gypsy/traveller site, extra noise and polluting emissions from further traffic when there are already horrendous daily delays travelling along Port Road, and the threat to wildlife etc due to building on a greenfield site.

Interesting given that Government supposedly wants to reduce emissions! Why aren't the council being honest about their desire to build on as many green spaces as possible?

Why isn't the St Athan site being used, given that it already has capacity, instead of spoiling another green wedge? Why not use Llandow brownfield site to house the travellers? Where's the extra infrastructure? Why are so many housing developments being permitted throughout the Vale? **Name and address supplied.**

Welsh Assembly should sort out recycling problems

FOLLOWING on from Gemma Stauber's letter (GEM, July 20), I too would like to know how so much of our so-called recycling ends up in foreign countries.

Since watching Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's 'war on plastic waste' I am prompted to ask why I and thousands of others are even bothering to recycle. Every time I now see the dustcart all I can think of is that it's another lorry load being collected and dumped abroad.

The Vale Council is allowing building on any and every part of the Vale they can think of, and the signing off on planning permission is given without thinking of the consequences or impact on other people's lives, or the rubbish these extra homes will generate.

I believe recycling is all about hard cash.

The Welsh Assembly do very little, therefore they have plenty of time to come up with a solution to the problem.

Time for them to earn that wage they are paid.

Anne Usher, Barry.

Good luck to Scouts from Cowbridge who are heading to North America!

IN just a few days' time Scouts from Cowbridge will be travelling 3,800 miles to wild and wonderful West Virginia, USA for the 24th World Scout Jamboree.

These are some of our brightest and best and every one of them will be an ambassador for the Scouts, the UK's largest mixed movement, helping prepare girls and boys with skills for life.

World Scout Jamborees only happen every four years and tens of thousands of Scouts attend each one. They are incredible festivals of peace, friendship and adventure. Young people will make friends for life with people from over 150 countries, experience different food, language and culture while learning new skills. It will be the journey of a lifetime.

The 2019 Jamboree, jointly hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico, is set to be one of the biggest and most exciting yet.

The theme is 'Unlock a new world' – focusing especially on how we can create a sustainable world together.

I want to wish every single one of the Cowbridge Scouts good luck and safe travels.

We're so proud of you and I'll see you out there!

Bear Grylls, Chief Scout.

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Great support for Penmark coffee morning

PENMARK village had a coffee morning on June 19 to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us.

We had a very successful and enjoyable morning and raised £1,675 for the charity.

Thank you.

Rusty Fone, Penmark.

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Flying the flag in Llantwit Major!

One of the colourful flags on display in Llantwit Major.

THE Town Study Steering Group (a committee made up of the Town Council, local organisations and businesses) have just completed a project to design, purchase and install 'Love Llantwit Major' and 'Caru Llanilltud Fawr' flags around the town.

The 10 flags will be left up throughout the summer to provide additional colour to the area, promote tourism and act as a gateway leading visitors to all areas of our historic town.

A spokesman from the Steering Group said: "We would like to say a big thank you to Darren Witts of Treganna Designs for kindly designing our flag free of charge. Also, a further thank you to all the shops and restaurants that kindly allowed us to put up the flags outside their premises.

"The group are hoping to investigate using the 'Love Llantwit Major' design further to produce cotton bags, car stickers and key rings to further promote Llantwit Major to residents and visitors to our wonderful town."

DH

School's excellent inspection report

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

In the category of teaching and learning experiences, the inspectors state: "Consistently effective teaching, careful curriculum planning and strong provision for the development of pupils' skills have a substantial impact on pupils' personal development, wellbeing and the standards that they achieve."

When evaluating care, support and guidance, inspectors concluded: "The school is a very friendly and inclusive community, where pupils and staff value and respect each other, and share high expectations. The staff are committed to meeting the individual needs of pupils and this is reflected in the high quality care and support that the school provides. As a result, pupils make strong progress in their learning and in their personal and social development."

Under the final heading of leadership and management, the report said: "The headteacher provides strong, assured leadership. She is supported well by her senior leadership team. "Together, they have developed a clear vision to educate and inspire young people, and to provide them with the best possible preparation for their future lives.

"Leadership throughout the school has contributed significantly to notable improvements in the quality of teaching, to the progress pupils make in lessons and to the examination outcomes they achieve."

Headteacher Debra Thomas said: "I am delighted that the work of our pupils and staff has been recognised as outstanding and of the highest quality. We are very proud that Estyn have not recommended any areas for improvement. However, we know that improvement is continuous and we are busy planning our next priorities for further development."

Cllr Lis Burnett, Vale Council Deputy Leader and cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "This school inspection report is nothing short of outstanding, pupils and staff deserve tremendous credit for this amazing achievement. Cowbridge is now rightly being held up as an example for all others to follow and I'd like to pass on my sincere congratulations to everyone involved."

Vale Council launches Joint Commissioning Strategy for adults with learning disabilities

CLLR Ben Gray, Vale of Glamorgan Council Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, has hailed the launch of a new strategy to support adults with learning disabilities in the region.

The Vale Council, alongside Cardiff Council and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, are behind the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adults with Learning Disabilities, which provides a clear direction for the planning and delivery of provision over the next five years.

Cllr Gray said: "This strategy represents an important collaboration between three organisations which have come together to not only improve the range of services available to adults with learning disabilities, but also the way they are delivered.

"By working together and listening to the people that matter most – those that use the services - I'm confident we can offer better provision and make a significant positive impact on people's lives."

There are a number of specific aims contained within the strategy including: Ensuring those requiring support can access it in their locality, reducing the need for excessive travel and stays far away from home; Encouraging more people with learning disabilities to access an annual health check and assisting them to attend appointments; Increasing numbers involved in exercise and other positive lifestyle activities; Helping those with learning disabilities to make and maintain friendships; Recruiting a Learning Disability Liaison Nurse to work with staff on the wards at UHW; Developing the use of social media and technology to assist with information sharing and increase people's independence and forging stronger links with agencies to provide greater opportunities for paid employment.

One of the launch highlights saw a young man use his communication device to describe the work being done by his physio technician, nurse and speech and language therapist to support him to thrive physically and mentally. The communication device has allowed him to gain more independence, allowing him to order a coffee in Costa or chat about football with friends.

The Vale Day Opportunities service was praised by the mother and carer of a young woman who uses it. She spoke about the full and busy schedule her daughter is supported to access by caring and committed staff and the invaluable respite this provides her and her husband.

There were also emotional accounts from carers, who highlighted the personal struggles they have endured attempting to access support for their children's needs.

In his summary, Cllr Gray said: "Today was such a positive experience and with the strategy we can do so much more. The next event will be the marker of how we're doing and how we've listened.

"We were reminded of the importance of the need to promote independence and improve lives. The hard work really does begin now, turning all these aspirations, needs and wishes into reality."

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Vale Council to investigate and identify Downs flytippers

The Downs in Cowbridge has suffered another egregious example of flytipping overnight on June 20 and June 21. Cllr Peter King said: "Fly-tipping is a crime and anyone found to be committing this offence could face being issued with a £400 fixed penalty notice, prosecution, fines of up to £50,000 or even imprisonment. The Council's enforcement team will investigate."

Selfies at the Old Hall

ON June 12, pupils from Ysgol Iolo Morganwg and Llanfair Primary School were awarded prizes for their paintings by the Mayor of Cowbridge and Llanblethian, Cllr Alec Troudsell.

The bi-annual exhibition, organised by the Cowbridge Arts Group, is on the theme of selfies and over 50 pupils have completed pictures in a variety of highly imaginative styles. It will remain in Cowbridge Community College, Old Hall Cowbridge until the end of June.

The Old Hall Gallery holds different art and craft exhibitions every month, and anyone interested in displaying their work can request an application form at 01446 773831 or to SPerini@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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Mayor of Cowbridge and Llanblethian, Cllr Alec Troudsell, awarded pupils with their prizes, framed copies of their 'selfie' pictures.

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Plant Llantwit gets new members

FOLLOWING two events, the Victorian Fair and Great Get-Together, Plant Llantwit now has 150 members.

The group only started a few weeks ago. A spokesman said: "After a really busy day at the Victorian Fair and a fantastic Great Get-Together at Sea View Park on Sunday, we have just under 150 committed members, as well has a host of donors, and pledges to help plant trees, with local landowners also committing to the project."

A Plant Llantwit membership card has also been launched with some local independent businesses offering discounts to encourage people to get involved in the local environmental challenge.

Reverend tells U3A all about Hadyn

REV Clive Williams and his keyboard were back at Cowbridge U3A recently for his fourth visit in as many years.

Franz Joseph Haydn, known as the Father of the Symphony (he wrote 104), was his subject this time, as the story of another great musician was brought to life.

The composer was born in 1732, the second of 12 children, in a small Austrian village called Rohrau, which was near the border with Hungary. The audience was then treated to an excerpt from Gypsy Rondo, written in 1795 and probably inspired by the travelling Hungarian musicians that Haydn had seen in his youth.

Like Mozart, Haydn was to show clear signs of musical ability at an early age and a relative persuaded his parents to allow him to study music. At the age of six, the boy was singing in church, playing the violin and studying the harpsichord. A year later, he was learning how to play the drums.

The story, possibly apocryphal, is that the Emperor's carriage broke a wheel when passing through Rohrau and the local wheelwright, Haydn's father, repaired it.The young Franz Joseph sang so impressively for the Emperor that he was invited to join the choir of St Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna at the age of eight.

Haydn was a chorister for nine years, being taught how to sing and play, but not how to write music.

He started to teach himself composition, attempting to write church music. His singing career ended when, during a long sermon, he cut off the pigtail of a fellow choirboy as a prank.

For this act he was soundly beaten, then dismissed from the choir.

He then took a part-time job in a barber's shop, dressing wigs, to finance his freelance composing. Haydn married the barber's daughter, but after a few years the couple parted – they were probably ill-suited, as she had no liking for music, nor, apparently, domestic duties.

Count Morzin became his first full-time employer, giving Haydn the rôle of music director. Some four years later, he was offered a position by the immensely wealthy Esterházy family.

He stayed with them for 30 years, writing music for every occasion.

Haydn had a sense of humour and played jokes in his music; his Surprise Symphony has a loud chord at the end of a slow, quiet piece, to wake the audience up it would seem, while his Farewell Symphony sees most of the musicians leaving the stage during the final section until only two violinists remain.

Apparently, this was a hint to Haydn's patron that the musicians in the orchestra had been away from home long enough.

By 1790, his employer was willing to let him travel, and the composer accepted a lucrative offer to visit England and conduct new symphonies with a large orchestra. Audiences flocked to see him.

Haydn wrote his great oratorio, Creation, in 1798 along with the Emperor's Hymn, which was to become Austria's National Anthem until WWII and is still well-known, from its multiple renditions at the Olympic Games, as the German national anthem.

By the end of 1803, Haydn's health had declined to the point that he became physically unable to compose. He suffered from weakness, dizziness, inability to concentrate and painfully swollen legs.

His final days were hardly serene, as, in May 1809, the French army under Napoleon launched an attack on Vienna and bombarded his neighbourhood.

On 26 May 1809, Haydn played his Emperor's Hymn with unusual gusto three times; that same evening he collapsed and was taken to what proved to be to his deathbed, where he died peacefully five days later, aged 77.

As usual with Rev Williams, the presentation was accompanied by interludes of music. The audience was treated to one of Haydn's sonatas, St Anthony's Chorale, Allegro in F, the short song Arietta, part of the Imperial Symphony and a few bars from Creation.

Judging by the applause at the end, the return of Rev Williams to Cowbridge U3A within the next year or so would appear to be a sure bet and another excellent turnout of members and visitors anticipated for his next performance.

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Latest news from 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade

THE Anchor and Junior members of 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade had an 'afternoon of fun' at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre on Saturday.

The boys completed various challenges including penalty shoot-out, tape measure challenge and balancing ball as well as having the opportunity to practice basketball.

Perhaps the most eagerly anticipated part was the ice-cream to end the afternoon!

The photographs show the boys completing some of the activities and enjoying the ice-cream!

Thank you to the Leisure Centre staff who were very helpful and to all the officers who helped on the day.

As a Company, we are looking forward to our annual presentation service on Thursday, June 27, at 6pm at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Llantwit Major, where the young people will be presented with the badges they have worked so hard for this year.

All friends and family are invited to join us.

For more information about Boys' Brigade in Llantwit Major please contact Debbie on 01446 796208.

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The Mayor invites you to a coffee morning in Llantwit

LLANTWIT Major Town Mayor, Cllr Gant, will hold a coffee morning on Saturday, June 29 from 10am to 12pm at Llantonian Hall.

Entry is £3 and entertainment will be provided by the Ukulastics.

There will also be stalls held by the local Art and Craft Group and a raffle will take place, with all proceeds going to the Mayor's chosen charities for this year; Llantwit Major Stroke Support Group, Vale Plus and Woody's Lodge.

Rhoose Lifeguards host longest-running ski race in Wales

Winning members of Rhoose Lifeguards at the recent annual ski race event.

RHOOSE Lifeguards recently hosted the club's annual ski race for the 40th consecutive year – making it probably the longest running ski race in the country.

The race had 25 paddlers from surrounding local clubs, battling it out to be crowned 'champion' of the various categories.

Good weather and calm conditions led to a full course being set up with a loop between Rhoose beach and Aberthaw power station.

There was some great paddling from all, especially in the men's and double races which were neck and neck right to the finishing line.

A spokeswoman said: "Congratulations to all who took part and thanks to all those who helped to organise the event and provided the barbecue.

Special thanks go to SLSA Wales IRB crew for providing safety cover."

The results were: **Under 16 Boys:** Drew Howells – Sker; Jai Gerrish – Rhoose; Fin Sullivan – Rhoose.

Under 16 Girls: Evie Wong – Rhoose; Leonora Breheney – Sker; Ella Bulmar – Rhoose.

Open Men: Jason Grice – Rhoose; Lloyd Rosewell – Penybont; Matt Rowlands – Llantwit Major.

Open Ladies: Meg McCloy – Rest Bay.

Masters Men: Sam McCloy – Rest Bay; Andrew McDonagh – Llantwit Major.

Masters Ladies: Karen O'Donoghue-Harris – Rhoose.

Doubles: Ollie Wong and Ethan Wall – Rhoose; Josh Edwards and Gethin Edwards – Llantwit Major.

Ocean Ski: Gareth Rice, Gareth Potter. Rhoose won the overall aggregate.

The club thanked Fontygary Halt Fish & Chip Bar for its kind donation of £221, the money will be used to purchase new equipment.

JH

Local transport schemes receive £1.8 million funding boost

THE Vale Council has secured more than £1.8 million of Welsh Government funding for transport schemes in the county.

Three road safety projects will receive a portion of the money, one on Cardiff Road in Dinas Powys and another from Floodgate roundabout to Nash Corner in Llandow, which will reduce speeds and improve safety.

Grants have been secured for junction improvements, including better crossing opportunities for pedestrians, along a route that includes Porthkerry, Romilly and Windsor Roads and money will go towards exploring the possibility of improving strategic transport from junction 34 of the M4 to the A48, and exploring sustainable transport opportunities between Penarth and the Cardiff Barrage.

The funding means the programme of bus stop improvement throughout the Vale will continue, while money has been made available for work on selected active travel routes, which help promote walking and cycling.

In addition, there will be funding for child pedestrian training for five to seven-year-olds in the Vale, and cycle training for year six pupils.

Cllr Peter King, Vale Council cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "I'm delighted we have secured this funding, which will go towards a large number of exciting, worthwhile schemes.

"It will enable us to improve the Vale's existing transport infrastructure, explore the possibility of making improvements to the road network and offer road users the opportunity to partake in specialist training."

School pupils get fit and raise cash

The pupils had a day full of activities.

PUPILS at Ysgol Y Ddraig Primary School have been busy organising a fantastic Fitness Fayre in order to raise money to buy new playground equipment that they have chosen.

Every pupil in the school is involved in a Pupil Voice action group, and the children from two of these groups, the Playground Pals and the Food and Fitness group, teamed up to organise the event which they ran successfully on June 20.

Children from across the school made a donation to come to school wearing sports clothes; they then took part in a wide range of fun fitness activities and traditional playground games.

The day was enjoyed by all and our older pupils did a great job running the activity sessions.

A total of £235 was raised which will now be used by pupils to purchase their new playground equipment.

A big thank you to our parents for their support and our pupils for organising such a great day.

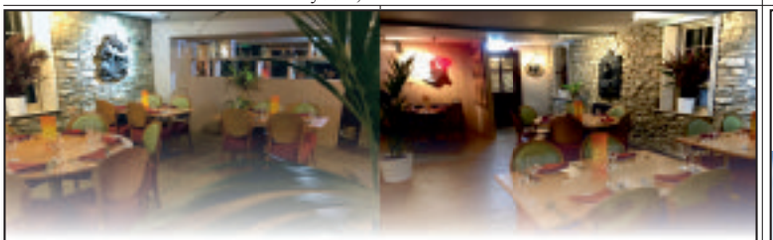
AR

Peterston flower show

THERE will be a flower show at the church hall, Peterston-Super-Ely on Saturday, June 29 between 2.30pm - 5pm.

Suitable for all the family, admission is £1 for adults, children free, and refreshments are available.

For more information call 01446 76067



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Llantwit Major School students tackle a 'tricky and daunting' military-style expedition in Rhymney

ABOVE:
Llantwit Major School students tackled a variety of military-style physical challenges on the day.

RECENTLY, a group of eight year-8 students at Llantwit Major Comprehensive attended an expedition day at MPCT Rhymney – the culmination of a leadership course they have been following all year, led by Staff Lee.

The students started in September following the bronze level and then progressed through to silver and finally gold.

Throughout the course they have completed primarily physical tasks designed to encourage them to work together as a team, solving problems and developing their leadership skills.

On arrival, they were met by Staff Lee and other staff at the centre, including the friendly and inquisitive beagle, Andrew.The students were kitted out in camouflage jackets and helmets and introduced to the assault course, and given a demonstration by some of the cadets who regularly attend the centre.

The assault course included up and under bars, a 10ft wall, balance beams, a 6ft wall, monkey bars and finished with the 'trapezium', a huge structure made from scaffolding poles which the students had to climb up, crawl along the top and descend down a rope to finish.

After a few practice runs, the day finished with a race between our school and a group from Swansea. Of course, Llantwit showed how well they work as a team and how determined they are and won the race, despite being younger than the other team!

They were also helped by two of the centre cadets who supported and encouraged our students brilliantly. They commented on how impressed they were with our group of students.

All eight students showed a positive attitude, despite the poor weather conditions, which made some of the obstacles even more tricky and daunting.

The pupils involved were: Daniel Sloper, Riley Jones, Olivia Bevan, Katie Fletcher, Yazmin Michael, Ruby Whitelam, Bethany Wrigley, Celyn Jauncey.

HM

WI members learn about women's legal rights

LAST Thursday at The Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Bont Faen WI members hosted lawyer Wendy Hopkins who gave a presentation outlining her 40-year career specialising in divorce and family law.

Despite coming from modest circumstances, through determination and hard work Wendy has reached the top of her profession, working in south Wales for over 40 years. She outlined the changes in women's legal circumstances over time.

We learned that presently women make up about two thirds of those in the legal profession.

Wendy explained this achievement, over time, has been far from easy. There have been many notable milestones along the way.

For example, following the First World War, the massive contribution women had made to the war effort was recognised and the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act 1919 was passed. This Act states: 'A person shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage from... any civil or judicial office... or any civil profession or vocation.'

Now women could, for example, serve on juries, become magistrates and some women were now able to vote; but full women's suffrage was not made possible until the Representation of The People Act in 1928.

Women could now practice as lawyers whereas previously, despite having qualifications, they were barred from doing so.

However, in the 50 years from 1919 to 1969 still only three per cent of women were employed in the legal profession.

Coming up to date Wendy outlined the legal pitfalls of divorce and explained the use of prenuptial agreements and surprisingly, postnuptials!

Wendy's closing advice was to be legally prepared for the adverse scenario when a relationship goes awry.

Diana Sloman presented Wendy with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for an inspiring and informative presentation.

Members were given feedback from the NFWI Annual Meeting in Bournemouth.

Two resolutions were passed: A Call Against the Decline in Bus Services by 96 per cent, and Don't Fear the Smear by 97 per cent.

Preparations were made for our garden party summer social hosted by Pam Harrison on Thursday, July 18.

Treasurer Jean Downing reminded members to sign up for the Mystery Trip on Saturday, August 3.

Another coach has been booked due to popular demand.

SBJ

Burning issues for St Hilary WI

ST Hilary WI's June meeting started with a visit to Cowbridge Fire Station, where Chief Fire Officer David Thomas gave an interesting and informative talk about the South Wales Fire Service and on safety in the home.

Statistics show that about 70 per cent of house fires start in the kitchen and David stressed the importance of having working smoke alarms, and advised that fire officers will fit new smoke alarms free of charge.

The visit ended with a tour of the station and a look at a fire engine with all the high tech.

Many thanks to David Thomas and Cowbridge Fire Department for an interesting and informative talk.

After the visit, members enjoyed refreshments at Jo Williams' house with a very short business session.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 9 starting at The Bush Inn, St Hilary, for a game of boules and then continuing on at the village hall.

Diolch yn fawr! Thank you Cowbridge!

THE GEM reported a few weeks ago on the gala night at the Bear Hotel champagne tent in aid of Cylch Meithrin Y Bont-faen's extension. The evening raised an amazing £16,000 thanks to the enormous efforts of parents and the local community. The Cylch, a Welsh-medium nursery in Cowbridge, is now well on its way to achieving its goal of expanding the number of Welsh medium child-care places.

The Cylch was very lucky as `H´ from Steps offered his help and organised the spectacular Gala'r Bont with amazing celebrity prizes for the auction. We would like to take this opportunity to thank `H´ for all of his hard work and for his support.

The Bear Hotel kindly donated their champagne marquee for the evening and hosted a wonderful event that we hope to make an annual occasion. Thank you to the official sponsors of the Gala: NosDa, Leekes and RLE Law.

We would also like to thank the local businesses of Cowbridge who supported the Cylch by offering fantastic vouchers as prizes for the auction and raffle. Thank you to The Pencil Case for decorating the marquee beautifully, and for your support as always.

The Cylch would like to thank the performers and entertainers who gave their time free to support the event. Caryl Parry Jones, Myf Isaac, Moc Isaac, Esyllt Sears, Tina Sparkle and Connie Fisher all gave us a night to remember and there was great music afterwards by NJB Discos. Happy Donut Photo Booths also gave their service free, and thanks also to Tramshed Tech.

A huge thank you to all of them.

Thank you to all the celebrities who donated tickets for their concerts, shows and for the fantastic artwork. Many others: parents, and friends, made generous donations which all helped make it a memorable and very successful evening. Diolch yn fawr!

A big thank you also to Nick and Errean Hurley and Sophie Teague Davies for the design and painting of the outside of the current building. It looks fantastic!

Sarah Clanfield, leader Cylch Meithrin Y Bont-faen. Dewch i weld ni.

Ladies Day in Cowbridge

THE Cowbridge Chamber of Trade are holding a Ladies Day on Saturday, July 6, as the first event in the Visit Cowbridge Campaign.

A spokeswoman said: "There will be free Prosecco and fabulous offers in many of the stores in town. Spending £20 in participating stores will give you a free ticket and a chance to win a lovely raffle prize. Come and meet the Lady Mayoress who will be greeting guests with a glass of Prosecco outside the Town Hall."

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Flower arrangers take advantage of the sunshine at afternoon tea

The Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers enjoyed a Prosecco afternoon tea at the home of Chris and Bill Budd recently. The sun made an appearance and added to the enjoyment of the beautiful garden and surroundings.

Can Llantwit Major purchase Ham Woods?

A LLANTWIT Major councillor believes Ham Woods could be purchased by local people – so the area can be preserved in perpetuity for the community.

Last week, The GEM reported that protesters were hailing a victory after a planning inspector rejected an appeal which would have allowed a tree tent campsite and additional facilities to be constructed in the woods.

OOTA Property Ltd had argued it was going to make the best use of a neglected area, but the inspector believed it would have involved too much noise and disruption for local residents.

Cllr Gwyn John told The GEM the only way to ensure the woods were not developed in the future was for them to be purchased by a community trust.

He said: "I wish to thank all the residents who contributed to bring this decision in our favour, many have suggested that the woods should be bought off the owner by setting up a group of local people to investigate this possibility.

"Many have said they would contribute to a fund to buy the woods and one resident suggested that every household made a donation of £10 or £20, with the number of residents living at Llantwit Major, the money could be found quickly.

"It is certainly an interesting idea and I will be talking to my colleagues to decide whether we can take it further." **TC**

News from Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade

SECOND Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade were delighted to support the Victorian Fair on last Saturday with a plant and produce stall.

The Boys' Brigade would like to thank everyone who helped and visited the stall. A special thank you goes to Andy Wellsbury who donated the plants and for his gardening expertise.

Members are looking forward to the annual presentation service on June 27 at 6pm at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Llantwit Major, where the young people will be presented with the badges they have worked so hard for this year.

All friends and family are invited to join in the service.

The Anchors have a day out at Amelia Trust on Saturday, July 6 and everyone hopes the weather is as good as it was for the fair!

For more information about Boys' Brigade in Llantwit Major, contact Debbie on (01446) 796208.

Harps will harmonise for LATCH

HARMONIOUS Harps Ensemble are holding their annual charity summer concert on July 5 commencing at 7pm at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge.

The concert is in aid of LATCH, the Welsh children's cancer charity. The programme includes classical, traditional and light music – something for everybody to enjoy.

No ticket required, just turn up on the evening and LATCH gift aid envelopes will be handed out in lieu of tickets. These will be collected during the interval with any donations you wish to enclose, no donation too small.

Taking part are harpists: Etienne Langois, Aneira Anderson, Beca Owen, Caitlin Morris, Sara Jones, Imogen Powell, Seren Horsey, Ffion Pritchett, Gwenda Fitzpatrick, Eleanor MacNamara, Morwenna Brown and Cesia Rhys Lewis. **CG**

Barry group's call for 'climate emergency'

BARRY Action for Nature have launched an online petition calling on the Vale Council and Barry Town Council to declare a 'climate emergency' in order for them to take urgent action to tackle the looming climate crisis facing the natural world.

Councils across the country are responding by declaring a 'climate emergency' and committing the resources needed to address it. London, Liverpool, Bristol, Newport and 23 other local authorities have already passed motions declaring a climate emergency. Barry Action for Nature believe that Barry and the Vale should also take action.

The chairman of Barry Action for Nature, Rob Curtis, said: "Barry and the Vale are coastal local authorities and are extremely vulnerable to climate change. We are calling on politicians of all political parties to work together and show some true leadership. Over 90 councils have already passed climate emergency motions, we must play our part and hold our politicians to account to make sure they deliver the resources and political will to deliver real change."

To sign the petition, visit you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/climate-emergency-time-for-action. **RC**

'Many options on Ham Woods'. says councillor

SO, what happens now on Ham Woods?

Cllr Gwyn John's suggestion, (*see article, top right*), of setting up a community trust for the wood is not the only option to safeguard the wood from development.

It is but one of several that have already been discussed by campaigners; however, why should residents fund such an option when the Vale Council is actually obliged, if requested, to purchase OOTA's interest in the land, as detailed in the following extract from OOTA's planning rejection?

'Purchase Notices: If either the Local Planning Authority or the Welsh Government refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he/she can neither put the land to a reasonable beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

'In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the council. This notice will require the council to purchase his/her interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).'

Other options OOTA property may consider include:

- Contesting the Planning Inspectorate's decision in the High Court. This is a time limited option for OOTA and would have to be applied for by July 25. It would also be an expensive option and, in my opinion, is unlikely to succeed, as there are ways to help the Planning Inspectorate fight it.
- Selling the property to a third party, perhaps the Woodland or Wildlife Trust, or a local landowner with a vested interest in preventing development within Ham Woods.
- Donating the property to the town.

As to which option will be chosen, this is OOTA's decision, we can only wait and see.

Cllr Gordon Wilkie, Llantwit Major.

BARRY Action for Nature will hold an illustrated wildlife talk on 'The Bell Tower Swifts of Barry' by Alan Rosney at the All Saints' Church Hall (off Park Crescent) on Thursday, July 4 at 5.45pm. Tickets are £3 and include a Fairtrade tea/coffee and biscuits.

Meeting aimed to improve young people's mental health

WINE Street coffee shop in Llantwit Major was the venue recently for a workshop delivered by Cardiff-based charity The Jacob Abraham Foundation.

The foundation – founded in 2015 following the death of Jacob, aged 24, by suicide – aims to raise awareness through the provision of training, one-to-one support for anyone experiencing suicidal thoughts and bereavement support for those who have lost a loved one through suicide.

The workshop held in Llantwit Major gave a very helpful overview of suicide prevention and how to offer basic support to someone in need. The main message workshop participants received was that anyone worried about a friend or family member should not be afraid of of asking openly and directly "Are you thinking of suicide?"

Workshop participants were also signposted towards many organisations who can provide specialist help, including Samaritans (08457 909090) and CALL (Community Advice and Listening Line for Mental Health 0800 1323737).

Many who attended the workshop were particularly interested in the mental health of young people and we learned that there are organisations specifically aimed at helping children in the 10-17 age group who are experiencing difficulties with mental health. These include Papyrus Hope Line (0800 0684141), Childline (0800 1111) and Young Minds (Text YM to 85258 for free and confidential support). There is also a suicide prevention app for young people called Stay Alive.

The Jacob Abraham Foundation can be contacted on 02921 323433/*jacobsfoundation.org.uk.*

Karen Westcott

Planning row over wine bar

A NEW wine bar, owned by former Vale Major Cllr Leighton Rowlands, opened in Barry – even though a planning application has yet to be agreed.

The Watering Hole is on St Nicholas Road and permission is being sought to change use of the premises from 'retail' to 'food and drink'.

One person contacted The GEM to say: "Many local residents object to the application to change the use of the building on grounds of noise and disturbance and inadequate parking provision that will overspill into the already congested neighbouring streets.

"Neighbours deserve the right to object and to be heard fairly without Cllr Rowlands bringing considerable pressure to bear on the council by having already invested heavily on fitting the premises out and starting to trade."

Cllr Rowlands said he was shocked residents had objected, adding that he expected to be treated like any other member of the public.

He said: "Many local residents have been positive and supportive of the project and say it is what the west side of Barry needs.

"They would much rather see the unit being used than it remaining closed. In relation to parking there is a car park on site and, since opening, we have had no issues with cars. A lot of residents walk to the premises and I would encourage local residents to use alternative means of travel.

"Since being open we have not made any noise and myself and the staff always ensure people leave quietly and respect the neighbours."

He added: "In relation to opening before planning, I was informed by the council planning department, like other applications the department has had before, that it is not unlawful to open in advance of obtaining planning permission. But I will get further clarification on this with the department."

The Vale Council said it had received complaints and was investigating. A spokesman said the bar had opened without planning permission and was in breach of planning regulations.

A spokesman added: "The council will now consider appropriate action to take and the identity of the owners will have absolutely no bearing on this. It is possible to have planning permission granted retrospectively, but a business can face serious consequences if it begins operating and such consent is not forthcoming. These include an enforcement notice requiring the use to cease, which if ignored could lead to prosecution."

Latest: *The GEM understands Cllr Rowlands has pulled out of the business leaving it to a business partner. This story has also featured on The GEM website.*

Barry women can now go off at a tangent

BARRY and The Vale Tangent have been launched at an evening in The Boat House in Sully.

The new group is part of the national association of Tangent Clubs which is an organisation for women, with a focus on making friends and enjoying a programme of interesting and fun activities, eating out, theatre, festivals, family events, as well as sometimes supporting local and national causes through fundraising events.

We enjoy the fellowship of Ladies Circle, Round Table and 41 Club and together we are the 4 Club Round Table Family.

We also have links with Tangent Clubs across the world and are part of Tangent Club International.

Fancy a night out? Would like to make new friends? Please come and join us – all welcome.

Find us on Facebook for upcoming events: *m.facebook.com/barryandvaletangent/*

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Broad Street, Y Barri (74) (AX50)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-orllewinol o bwynt sydd 134 o fetrau i'r de-orllewin o'i chyffordd â Hilda Street tua'r de-orllewin am bellter o 6.6 metr.

Brook Street, Y Barri (10) (AU53)
Ar ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 10 a 12 tua'r de-ddwyrain am bellter o 5.4 metr.

Castle Street, Y Barri (29) (AX49)
Ar yr ochr ddeheuol o bwynt sydd 98 o fetrau i'r gorllewin o'i chyffordd â Park Crescent tua'r gorllewin am bellter o 6.6 metr.

Gladstone Road, Y Barri (199) (AU51)
Ar ochr ogleddol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 197 a 199 tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am bellter o 5.2 metr.

Victoria Road, Y Barri (10) (AY49)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-orllewinol o bwynt sydd 36 o fetrau i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'i chyffordd ag Eton Street tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am bellter o 5 metr.

King Street, Penarth (38) (AI65)
Ar ochr ddeheuol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 38 a 39 tua'r dwyrain am bellter o 5 metr.

Redlands Road, Penarth (23) (AM63)
Ar ochr ddwyreiniol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 25 a 23 tua'r de-ddwyrain am bellter o 6.4 metr.

ATODLEN 2

Dileu'r man parcio presennol i bobl anabl a gosod man aros cyfyngedig rhwng dydd Llun a dydd Sadwrn o 8am tan 6pm am 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio deiliaid trwydded preswyl yn ei le.

Court Road, Y Barri (36) (AU52)
Ar ochr ddwyreiniol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 34 a 36 tua'r de am bellter o 5.3 metr.

Digby Street, Y Barri (6) (AV53)
Ar ochr dde-ddwyreiniol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 4 a 6 tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am bellter o 4.5 metr

Newlands Street, Y Barri (40) (AV52)
Ar ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 38 a 39 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 5.5 metr.

Regent Street, Y Barri (42) (AV51)
Ar yr ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol o bwynt sydd 91 o fetrau i'r gogledd-orllewin o'i chyffordd â Holton Road tua'r gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 6.6 metr.

ATODLEN 3

Dileu'r man parcio presennol i bobl anabl a gosod man aros cyfyngedig rhwng dydd Llun a dydd Sadwrn o 8am tan 6.30pm am 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio deiliaid trwydded preswyl.

George Street, Y Barri (37) (AV53)
Ar ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 37 a 39 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 4.8 metr.

Pyke Street, Y Barri (50) (AU52)
Ar ochr dde-orllewinol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 50 a 51 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 5 metr.

ATODLEN 4

Mannau parcio arfaethedig i bobl anabl

Kingsland Crescent, Y Barri (43) (AW52)
Ar ochr dde-orllewinol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 41 a 43 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 5.4 metr.

Kingsland Crescent, Y Barri (70) (AW52)
Ar ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 68 a 70 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 5.4 metr.

Llewellyn Street, Y Barri (14) (AT53)
Ar ochr dde-orllewinol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 14 a 16 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 5 metr.

Pontypridd Road, Y Barri (9) (AW49)
Ar ochr dde-orllewinol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 7 a 9 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 6.6 metr.

St Nicholas Road, Y Barri (35a) (AY49)
Ar ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 37 a 35a tua'r gogledd-orllewin am bellter o 6.6 metr.

St Paul's Avenue, Y Barri (18) (AW50)
Ar ochr dde-ddwyreiniol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 16 a 18 tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am bellter o 6 metr.

Masefield Road, Penarth (42A a 42B) (AJ62)
Ar ochr ddeheuol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 40 a 42 tua'r gorllewin am bellter o 12 metr.

Railway Terrace, Penarth (8) (AK64)
Ar ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol y ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 7 a 8 tua'r de-ddwyrain am bellter o 5.4 metr.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 1) ORDER 2019

1. On the 21st June 2019 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order to remove the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedules 1,2 & 3 and install disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedules 4&5 below.
2. The Order will come into operation on 1st July 2019 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are removed or installed whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 1) Order 2019"
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The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places

Broad Street, Barry (74) (AX50)
On the northwest side from a point 134 metres south west of its junction with Hilda Street in a south westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

Brook Street, Barry (10) (AU53)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 10 and 12 in a South easterly direction for a distance of 5.4 metres.

Castle Street, Barry (29) (AX49)
On the south side from a point 98 metres west of its junction with park Crescent in a westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

Gladstone Road, Barry (199) (AU51)
On the northwest side for the boundary line of property numbers 197 and 199 in a North easterly direction for a distance of 5.2 metres.

Victoria Road, Barry (10) (AY49)
On the north west side from a point 36 metres north east of its junction with Eton Street in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

King Street, Penarth (38) (AI65)
On the south side from the boundary line of property numbers 38 and 39 in a Easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Redlands Road, Penarth (23) (AM63)
On the east side from the boundary line of property numbers 25 and 23 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 6.4 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Revoke the existing Disabled Persons Parking Place and install Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except resident permit holders.

Court Road, Barry (36) (AU52)
On the east side from the boundary line of property numbers 34 and 36 in a southerly direction for a distance of 5.3 metres.

Newlands Street, Barry (40) (AV52)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 38 and 39 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.

SCHEDULE 3

Revoke the existing Disabled Persons Parking Place and install Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am-6.00pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except resident permit holders.

Digby Street, Barry (6) (AV53)
On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 4 and 6 in a north Easterly direction for a distance of 4.5 metres

George Street, Barry (37) (AV53)
On the north east side for the boundary line of property numbers 37 and 39 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 4.8 metres.

Pyke Street, Barry (50) (AU52)
On the south west side for the boundary line of property numbers 50 and 51 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Regent Street, Barry (42) (AV51)
On the north east side from a point 91 metres north west of its junction with Holton Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

SCHEDULE 4

Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places

Kingsland Crescent, Barry (43) (AW52)
On the south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 41 and 43 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.4 metres.

Kingsland Crescent, Barry (70) (AW52)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 68 and 70 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.4 metres.

Llewellyn Street, Barry (14) (AT53)
On the south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 14 and 16 in a North westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Pontypridd Road, Barry (9) (AW49)
On the south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 7 and 9 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

St Nicholas Road, Barry (35a) (AY49)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 37 and 35a in a north westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

St Pauls Avenue, Barry (18) (AW50)
On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 16 and 18 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 6 metres.

Masefield Road, Penarth (42A and 42B) (AJ62)
On the south side from the boundary line of property numbers 40 and 42 in a westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.

Railway Terrace, Penarth (8) (AK64)
On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 7 and 8 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5.4 metres.

SCHEDULE 5

Revoke the existing Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except resident permit holders and replace with Disabled Persons Parking Place.

Woodlands Road, Barry (110) (AU52)
On the northwest side from the boundary line of property numbers 108 and 110 in a South westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Dated this 27th day of June 2019.
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Vale of Glamorgan Council, Alps Depot,
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Local transport schemes receive £1.8 million boost

THE Vale Council has secured more than £1.8 million of Welsh Government funding for transport schemes in the county.

Three road safety projects will receive a portion of the money, one on Cardiff Road in Dinas Powys and another from Floodgate roundabout to Nash Corner in Llandow, which will reduce speeds and improve safety.

Grants have been secured for junction improvements, including better crossing opportunities for pedestrians, along a route that includes Porthkerry, Romilly and Windsor Roads and money will go towards exploring the possibility of improving strategic transport from junction 34 of the M4 to the A48, and exploring sustainable transport opportunities between Penarth and the Cardiff Barrage.

The funding means the programme of bus stop improvement throughout the Vale will continue, while money has been made available for work on selected active travel routes, which help promote walking and cycling.

In addition, there will be funding for child pedestrian training for five to seven-year-olds in the Vale, and cycle training for year six pupils.

Cllr Peter King, Vale Council cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "I'm delighted we have secured this funding, which will go towards a large number of exciting, worthwhile schemes.

"It will enable us to improve the Vale's existing transport infrastructure, explore the possibility of making improvements to the road network and offer road users the opportunity to partake in specialist training."

Penarth gets ready for Summer Festival

PENARTH'S Summer Festival returns on July 13 and 14.

On Penarth's Esplanade, Saturday will feature the thrills of the Downhill Derby soapbox race, with plenty of entertainment, street food and live music before events are brought to a close with fireworks from the pier.

Sunday is Penarth's traditional carnival day, with a host of free activities to engage all the family in front of a water ski championship offshore.

Last year's event attracted 20,000 over two days.

The timetable of events are as follows:

Saturday, July 13: 10am-4pm, Alexandra Park Family Bear Hunt; 12pm-2pm, Teddy Bear's Picnic in Alexandra Park; 12pm, Esplanade site opens with stage entertainment until 10pm; 2pm-4pm, Downhill Derby; 10.15pm, fireworks.

On Sunday, July 14:

From 10am-4pm, Alexandra Park Family Bear Hunt; 12pm-2pm, Teddy Bear's Picnic in Alexandra Park; 12pm, Esplanade site opens with stage entertainment until 6pm; 3pm, Water Ski Championship; 7pm, close.

From July 4-14, the popular Open Air Art Exhibition returns to The Cliff Walk with a chance for visitors to view and purchase unique pieces of art. Artists will be present from 12 noon to 7pm every day, weather permitting.

Visit www.penarth-towncouncil.gov.uk for further information.

'Western Vale needs more trains' says councillor

A LOCAL councillor says he fears there will be periods of congestion on the main road from Llantwit Major to Barry for years to come.

Cllr Gwyn John said that with more houses planned in the western Vale and the possibility of a huge business park just off the main road between Barry and Rhoose, car use would increase at a time people were already finding journeys frustrating.

He said: "It's mayhem already. I used to allow half an hour for a trip from Llantwit Major to Barry, but now I allow 45 minutes – you just don't know what sort of delay you might be hit with. If someone is going to the Heath Hospital and takes the Barry road, they have to allow an hour."

Cllr John said the only way to relieve the roads was to improve public transport and run trains more regularly. At present we have an hourly train service to Llantwit and half hourly trains won't come until 2023.

"People also need to trust the train service. Sometimes trains are cancelled due to flooding."

Over 1,600 houses could be built in the Llantwit Major and St Athan area in the next few years – 370 of them at Eglwys Brewis and 400 off the Northern Access Road.

Legal & General hopes to build a business park with 1.7 million square feet of warehousing and distribution space which will serve the airport – but it will also generate more traffic.

Cllr John said: "Yes, there's an enterprise zone, and yes we want jobs but the transport infrastructure needs to be there. I hope Ken Skates, the Minister for Transport, will look at introducing half hourly trains far earlier than 2023."

The GEM contacted the Welsh Government but at the time of going to press had not recieved a response. **TC**

Young actors go to Madagascar

THIS July, Superstars in the Making will be the musical, *Madagascar Jr.*

Based on the DreamWorks animated motion picture *Madagascar*, they show follows all the cartoon characters as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey.

The musical will be performed by 80 young people from Superstars in the Making and promises to be a fun family afternoon.

The show is on July 6 and 7 at 2.30pm at Stanwell School, Penarth. Tickets from www.superstarsinthemaking.com.

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Friends of Barry Beaches tackle plastic litter

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches' next beach clean will be on Sunday, June 30 at Watchtower Bay, The Knap, Barry.

Volunteers should meet near the watchtower (at the old lido end of The Knap) at 3pm. The litter pick lasts for an hour and equipment will be supplied. We welcome volunteers of all ages, but ask that children be accompanied by a responsible adult.

In May, volunteers were joined at Porthkerry by staff and family from Life's A Beach', a not-for-profit business set up to eradicate the use of single use plastics.

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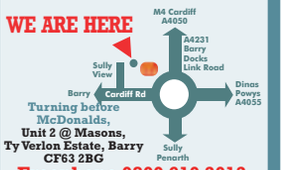

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Choir concert

BARRY Male Voice Choir's annual concert will take place on Friday, June 28 at 7pm at All Saints' Church, Barry.

Tickets £10, children admitted free; tickets on the door for this intergenerational gala event. Guest artists Pukka productions.

Councillors' surgery

CLLRS Andrew Davies and Gordon Kemp will hold a surgery at The Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose, on Friday, June 28 between 6pm-7pm. No appointment necessary.

AM surgery

JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at Llantwit Major Heritage Centre, Town Hall, CF61 1SD on Friday, June 28 from 4pm – 5pm. No appointment necessary.

Rhoose History Society

RHOOSE and District History Society is hosting a talk by Ivor England on 'Coal Mines from the Miners' Point of View'.

It takes place on Friday, June 28 at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road.

Balmoral anniversary

TWO days of celebrations to commemorate the platinum anniversary of the launch of MV Balmoral (on the Register of Historic Ships) will take place this weekend, June 29 and 30 in Bristol City Docks.

On Saturday from 11am – 5pm take a tour of the ship free of charge, listen to the band play and visitors will take home (also free) a book telling the story of Britain's pleasure steamers and the men who manned them during the First World War; marine prints will also be on sale.

Sunday is given to a celebration of Balmoral's past, present and (hopefully) future: the importance of pleasure steamers and piers to each other's survival, and plans to restore the steamer to cruising will be revealed.

Marie Curie tea party

CADOXTON Youth Project and team will hold this year's Marie Curie tea party at the Barry Library on June 27-28.

The event will run from 10am-2pm each day, all proceeds going to Marie Curie from the sales of drinks, cakes and raffles.

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St Nicholas pupils learn new skills

St Nicholas Church in Wales Primary School pupils with deputy headteacher Mr Jones at the workshop.

A SOUTH Wales property developer is giving pupils in St Nicholas the chance to learn more about the heritage of their hometown, as part of a community-wide art project.

Waterstone Homes, the builder behind the St Nicholas Fields development in the village, has decided to put its public arts budget towards delivering a range of educational workshops for pupils at St Nicholas Church in Wales Primary School.

The workshops include an introduction into the history and archaeology of the region, as well as sessions in metalwork and pottery.

Following the sessions, each of the pupils will create their own miniature public artworks and their creations will influence the final design of a steel public installation, which will be housed at the entrance of the new Waterstone Homes development.

Mr Jones, deputy headteacher at the school, said: "The aim of this project is to inform and engage our pupils in the history and archaeology of the St Nicholas region. The workshops offer the children a very different and stimulating style of learning, enabling them to learn outdoors, use archaeological tools, handle genuine and reproduction artefacts, and meet real archaeologists and metal-working professionals."

Dinas Library cafe opens

Visitors enjoy the cafe on opening day at Dinas Powys Library.

THE next phase in the development of Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre has started with the official opening of the café.

The library is located next to the primary school and is convenient for parents of children attending the school.

Marianne Cowpe, a library trustee, said: "It's so nice to see all different age groups and organisations enjoying our lovely new (café) space. We have had good feedback regarding the quality of our coffees and the children love the juice and ice cream. Do please pop in and have a look round."

Self help group for workplace bullying victims in the Vale

A MAN from Barry is keen to launch a 'self help group' for people who have suffered work place bullying.

Former youth worker and employer consultant, Mark Brinkworth (62) said there were immense benefits to people sharing their problems.

He said: "The celebrity Stephen Fry opened up about being diagnosed with bipolar disorder and removed much of the stigma surrounded mental health problems. People now recognise the benefits of sharing their experiences.

"I am starting a group which will give people who have suffered from bullying in the work place the chance to listen to other people's stories and perhaps recount their own.

"The meetings will be an opportunity to receive support from understanding people outside the family. People with mental health issues can become isolated.

"This will be a chance to get out, meet up and have a chat with people over a cup of coffee in a supportive atmosphere."

Mr Brinkworth, who has previously worked with young people with disabilities and hosted photography workshops for people with mental health problems, said: "If there is anyone reading this who has suffered from work place bullying and would like support from people who have experienced similar treatment, I'd urge them to get in touch.

"If the group grows, I'd like to set up a Facebook page for members and arrange meetings with politicians to raise some of the key issues."

Mr Brinkworth can be contacted at hebog100@gmail.com.

Forest bathing at Cwmtalwg

THE first forest bathing event to be held at the Cwmtalwg Local Nature Reserve on Severn Avenue, Barry was a great success; the sun shone, the birds sang, the leaves of the trees were outlined against a blue sky, the old oak and ash trees were admired and hugged and everyone appreciated the tranquil atmosphere.

After the quiet walk people enjoyed homemade cake with coffee, tea and conversation with the members of the team who look after the Nature Reserve.

To keep up to date with activities go to our Facebook page @cwmtalwgwoodsgroup and to find out more about the project, contact Anne Bryan at a.bryan77@icloud.com.

Plant Llantwit elects its new committee

The new Plant Llantwit committee from the left, John Moisan, Lianne Dunmore, Richard Arnold, Olivia Phillips, Gareth Jones and Ray Scott.

THE second public meeting of Plant Llantwit took place at St Illtud's Church on Saturday.

The campaign aims to add 1,000 trees and a mile of hedgerow to the local environment.

Around 40 people were present to hear the constitution read out and to see members of the committee proposed and seconded.

Gareth Jones, the chairman of the new group, told The GEM: "Contact with the Woodland Trust, the local council and the Vale ecologist has all been encouraging and plans to plant trees in the town are taking shape. The response has been positive in all directions.

"An open discussion followed and Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, the Vale Labour Party parliamentary candidate, told us about similar groups in Barry who have planted trees in a school, and about another group in Rhoose. She suggested contacting them and sharing information.

"There were a number of other ideas discussed such as seed collecting for propagation and volunteering with local school garden projects."

Plant Llantwit will have a stall at the Victorian fair and The Great Get Together providing more information for the public.

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AM praises great get together

DURING a weekend of 'get together' events across the UK in memory of the late Jo Cox MP Jane Hutt AM joined the event at Seaview Park in Llantwit Major with stalls and games and friendship shared.

She said: "Thank you to The Great Get Together team of volunteers in Llantwit Major for a wonderful gathering of people supported by the Deputy Mayor of Llantwit Major Town Council."

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TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

News and views from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. 01656 860303.

News from Llangan School

AFTER the pretty damp start to the week, the sun eventually came out for everyone to enjoy the school's sports day which took place on June 20.

It had quite a dramatic end, with the winning house not being determined until the very last race – the relay – as all three teams were within one point of each other!

Eventually it was Team Gower which was crowned the school's 2019 Sports Day Champions. The team captains AJ and Freya did a lap of honour to celebrate.

Following the sports event the Friends of Llangan hosted a mini-summer fair with refreshments, a barbecue and water slide.

St Mary Hill Church service

PLEASE note there will be no service on Sunday, June 30 as this is the fifth Sunday of the month; also there will be no service at St Mary Hill Church on Sunday, July 7.

There will be a benefice service at Cowbridge Church as Rev Susanna Brumell is leaving. The next service at St Mary Hill Church is on Sunday, July 21.

'Make bypass key priority' say Conservatives

DINAS Powys Conservatives have called for a major rethink of transport policy by Vale Council officials, claiming the council leader is "jeopardising significant progress" on efforts to boost links between Barry and Cardiff.

Cllr Vince Driscoll, shadow Cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, called on the Vale Council to pause plans for a new road and viaduct through the Ely Valley (the 'Junction 34' scheme). Instead, he and fellow Conservatives want the Labour-led administration to make the bypass its key priority. But they said he has already told the press he doesn't think the Welsh Government will find the money.

Cllr Driscoll said: "The new leader risks jeopardising the significant progress that has been made on a bypass, within just days of taking over. Congestion between Cardiff and Barry is getting worse all the time, and development along Barry Waterfront and in the village of Dinas Powys is going to make things even more difficult for commuters.

"Instead of pressing on with an unpopular road in Pendoylan, he should be making the case for the bypass which is the road Barry residents want to see built."

Cllr Peter King, Cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, told The GEM that the two schemes should be looked at separately: "These are two very different issues and it is misleading to confuse the two. The M4 Junction 34 scheme is being funded by Welsh Government. This funding is allocated directly to this scheme and cannot be transferred to any other.

"The Vale Council has worked hard in an attempt to secure further money from Welsh Government for the Dinas Powys bypass scheme. However, Welsh Government has only funded the M4 Junction 34 scheme for 2019/20."

Cllr King added: "The council is currently investigating the cost of the next stage of the work on proposals for the Dinas Powys scheme and once we have estimates will look to take a decision on whether or not to progress it ourselves."

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Victorian Fair day was 'amazing'

LLANTWIT Major events group says the Victorian Fair day on Saturday, June 22, couldn't have gone better.

The secretary, Liz Evans, said: "It was an amazing day. We were lucky – the sun shone and the town was full of happy people. The stallholders and performers all pulled together so well.

"I want to thanks the volunteers who worked tirelessly – without them we couldn't do it. We also want to thank Mr Hunt for the use of the Precinct."

A bucket collection took place to raise funds for the Big Wrap Appeal which provides Christmas presents for disadvantaged youngsters.

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Missy no longer missing!

Missy has now been returned to her owner who said: "We are delighted to have her home."

A 20-year-old cat has been reunited with her owner thanks to a microchip after going missing for three months.

The black and white cat was found unsteady on her feet and staggering at Cwrt Gwenllian, Barry, on Saturday, June 5, and the RSPCA was called in.

RSPCA inspector Izzy Hignell said: "This poor cat was found very hungry and very dirty, and had a large matt on her back. At RSPCA Merthyr Tydfil Veterinary Clinic she was scanned for a microchip and we've been able to track down her owners.

"I was delighted to be able to phone up her owners to tell them she had been found. Shockingly, she has been missing for around three months and they thought due to her old age she had died."

Missy is now doing well after receiving veterinary treatment. She has now returned home.

For more information on microchipping, go to: www.rspca.org.uk/allaboutanimals/pets/general/microchipping.

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Schemes receive £1.8 million boost

THE Vale Council has secured more than £1.8 million of Welsh Government funding for transport schemes in the county.

Three road safety projects will receive a portion of the money, one on Cardiff Road in Dinas Powys and another from Floodgate roundabout to Nash Corner in Llandow, which will reduce speeds and improve safety.

Grants have been secured for junction improvements, including better crossing opportunities for pedestrians, along a route that includes Porthkerry, Romilly and Windsor Roads and money will go towards exploring the possibility of improving strategic transport from junction 34 of the M4 to the A48, and exploring sustainable transport opportunities between Penarth and the Cardiff Barrage.

The funding means the programme of bus stop improvement throughout the Vale will continue, while money has been made available for work on selected active travel routes, which help promote walking and cycling.

In addition, there will be funding for child pedestrian training for five to seven-year-olds in the Vale, and cycle training for year six pupils.

Cllr Peter King, Vale Council cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "I'm delighted we have secured this funding, which will go towards a large number of exciting, worthwhile schemes.

"It will enable us to improve the Vale's existing transport infrastructure, explore the possibility of making improvements to the road network and offer road users the opportunity to partake in specialist training."

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Join Tŷ Llandaff for National Care Home Day

RESIDENTS and staff at a Pontcanna care home will be opening their doors and showing their creative skills to friends, family and the local community for National Care Home Open Day.

Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Conway Road, will be joining thousands of other care homes around the UK taking part in the annual event on Friday, June 28, with a theme this year of celebrating the role of 'Arts in Care'.

The idea behind National Care Home Open Day, now in its seventh year, is to encourage local people to visit care homes in the community and work together to build long lasting relationships.

Tŷ Llandaff is inviting the community to join their residents for a cup of tea and slice of cake, and meet Tŷ Llandaff's new service manager Lisa Cristina.

Visitors can also take a tour of the facilities if they wish.

Residents keen on artistry regularly attend weekly art sessions at Tŷ Llandaff which are organised by staff at the home and the home plans an exhibition of the residents' artwork.

Colouring and drawing will be available for younger guests.

Lisa Cristina said: "Building relationships with the local community is really important to us at Tŷ Llandaff, and National Care Home Open Day is a fantastic way of bringing generations together.

"Here at Tŷ Llandaff, we use art therapy every week as part of our varied activities programme and we're really excited to be able to use this open day to show visitors exactly what happens.

"Creative activities are great for relaxation and stress relief, as well as self-expression.

"Our classes are also good social occasions as everyone can chat while they work and share in what they have created.

"Our residents are really looking forward to welcoming visitors on the open day and are excited to see their masterpieces being displayed in the exhibition. We're really proud of them and their artwork and can't wait to show it off.

"On a personal level, as the new manager at the home I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know people from the wider community, during what promises to be a lovely friendly afternoon of fun."

For more information about Tŷ Llandaff, see advert below, call Lisa on 02920 600 100, email *info@ tyllandaffcare.com* or visit *www.tyllandaffcare.com.*

'Sky Aquarium' lights up the sky

One of the spectacular show kites at the 'Beyond the Clouds' festival.

BARRY'S 'Beyond the Clouds' kite festival took off this year with hundreds of people taking part in the event on the longest day of the year.

Organiser Glyn Pooley said: "It was an opportunity to share joy, peace and friendship through the simple act of flying kites together.

"We saw some amazing kites take to the air, creating a magical 'sky aquarium'. Beautiful hand-crafted kites were produced by pupils of Holton Road and High Street schools and members of the public on the evening, courtesy of the Barry Making Waves project.

"The joy of making a kite and seeing it fly was something special. Kites were also made and flown around the globe by our friendship partners in Colorado USA and embraced by 'Kites for Peace' in Zimbabwe.

"Art4U would like to thank Waine Kiteman for sharing some spectacular show kites, and Helen, Ray and Jon for helping behind the scenes. Kindness was at the heart of this event and by the joy on people's faces happiness was in the air."

Glyn added: "Thanks go to Waine for donating the wonderful kite, which was won by Sian Rodgers."

Councils' disability strategy meeting

THE Vale Council, Cardiff Council and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board joined partner agencies, individuals and carers, at the launch of the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adults with a Learning Disability 2019-2024 on June 18.

Working together with people with a learning disability, their families, carers and the third and independent sector, Cardiff Council, The Vale Council and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, have developed their first Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adults with a Learning Disability.

The strategy aims to provide a direction for adult learning disability services across the region over the next five years and it outlines key issues that will be addressed in the forthcoming years.

This includes ensuring there is sufficient capacity and an appropriate range of provision.

A spokesperson said: "The shared vision and core principles central to the strategy are that people with a learning disability are supported to have: 'a good quality of life and to live the lives they want to lead; living locally where they feel good and well, where they are valued and included in their communities and have equal access to appropriate support that ensures independence, choice and control.'@

Read the document here: *www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Social-Services-and-Wellbeing/Adults/Pages/default.aspx*

Cllr Ben Gray, Vale Council cabinet member for social care and health, said: "By 'promoting independence and improving lives', we will support people to live the lives they choose, with access to high quality, flexible health and social care and support when they need it."

Book inspires children to make dreams come true

AN all-woman collaboration has led to Tarmac launching a children's book aiming to inspire youngsters while encouraging them to not let go of their dreams – and Rhws Primary pupils have been the first to hear the story and meet the characters.

'*What's a Girl To Do?*' was the dream of Tarmac Aberthaw's environmental co-ordinator Kara Bennett and communications consultant Nicola Jenkins, but it was after partnering with local author Alison Powell and illustrator Emily Jones that the book came to life through the eyes of Ellie – a determined young girl who sets out in her quest to become an engineer, but faces negativity and obstacles along the way. Ellie doesn't want to give up on her dream easily.

Vale AM Jane Hutt and year one pupils from Rhws Primary were the first to hear the story as the book was launched at Rhoose Community Library this week and were thrilled to learn about Ellie's journey into the world of work.

Kara explained: "Having worked in heavy industry for years I am disheartened to see just how few women consider it as a career choice. This was enough for us to want to do something about it. I am lucky that I am working in a job that I love, and I hope this book will inspire other young people to realise that the engineering industry presents so many opportunities that are there for the taking."

Jane Hutt AM said: "This all-woman collaboration is an amazing initiative and has resulted in this brilliant book, I was so pleased to be invited to the launch. We need more stories about girls and women breaking boundaries and celebrating their achievements. I'm sure this book will inspire lots of girls to pursue careers in science and technology and I would like to congratulate Nicola, Kara, Alison and Emily on the success of this project."

Penarth author Alison Powell has been involved from the outset of the project, and she has brought Ellie and her family and friends to life through the book. Alison said: "As a mother of two children, I know how important it is to re-enforce positivity through all aspects of life, to challenge stereotypes and ensure they know they can strive for any career they choose, regardless of gender, race or orientation."

Evan, a year two Rhws Primary pupil, said: "I loved the bit in the story where Ellie got a job. People didn't think she could be an engineer, but she proved them wrong. We can do whatever we want when we work hard."

'*What's a Girl To Do?*' will be distributed to schools across the area and copies from the initial print run, funded by Tarmac Cement and Lime, can be requested by emailing *kara.bennett@tarmac.com*.

Robert Fisher on his way to Cowbridge from Denmark.

Robert's epic bike ride for Welsh homeless charity

A FORMER Cowbridge resident was so shocked by scenes of homelessness in Cardiff that he decided to do a cycle ride from Denmark to Wales to raise funds for Shelter Cymru.

Robert Fisher (46) left the city of Odense on June 22 and aims to complete a 1,181-mile ride back to the Vale.

He explained: "During a night out in Cardiff on a return trip to Wales, I was shocked and appalled by the numbers of homeless people living in tents in Cardiff city centre.

"It seemed to have got worse since we moved to Denmark. I therefore felt that something must be done."

Robert, a keen cyclist who has lived in the Vale for most of his life, moved to Denmark to give his family the chance to experience a different way of life abroad before any potential limitations of Brexit.

He said: "We all miss Wales and plan to return in the future, but for now we try to visit whenever we can."

He is cycling down the western European coastline via Germany and the Netherlands to the Hook of Holland.

"He will then catch a ferry to Harwich where he will embark on the final stretch of the journey across England and Wales.

"He is cycling alone and camping along the route."

Robert has set himself a £950 target and if people want to donate they can go to his JustGiving page: *bit.ly/charitycycleDKtoUK*.

A summer fair in Porthcawl

IT'S once again time for The Newton, Porthcawl village green fair on July 6.

The day's entertainment starts at 11.30am with the Rock Choir, who will be belting out soft rock anthems in their usual inimitable style.

Porthcawl town mayor Cllr Graham Walter, a Newton resident, will declare proceedings open at 12pm after the church bells have rung.

Next are the Ukulele Bandits, and then the Elindia Belly Dancing troupe.

Also on offer will be a guided tour of the church.

There will be the usual cornucopia of stalls from plants and books to games. The tea room will provide refreshment in the form of tea, coffee, light lunches and cream teas and the Pimms stall is always popular. This year, the Porthcawl Male Voice Choir will be singing and in the afternoon, the magic tricks of Simon Sparkles will entertain the children.

The afternoon draws to a close with the youngsters of The Performance House entertaining with songs from the shows, and concludes with the traditional tug of war between The Jolly Sailor and The Ancient Briton, just after the raffle is drawn. From start to finish at 4.30pm it's a fun filled afternoon for all. Buy a programme to get all the time listings and some raffle tickets.

Robbie Owen

Community choir

THE Barry Community Choir has had a busy year so far, with June being no exception.

The choir was delighted to sing at Pioneer Hall, Barry for the Friends & Neighbours group and at the Jo Cox Great Get Together event on Barry Island – both events took place in the same week – June 19 and 21!

The choir had a very enthusiastic reception at both events, with the audiences joining in on many songs. Many thanks to Gay Fyfield at Friends and Neighbours for inviting the choir and for giving us such a warm welcome. Thanks, also, to Jane Hutt for inviting us to sing for such a great cause. As Ms Hutt commented – there are more things that unite

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Coalition's 'shared aim of protecting people and services'

WHEN I wrote to GEM readers last month, after taking on the role of Leader of the Council, I said I was well aware of the difficulties and work that laid ahead… and the first month has certainly been a busy one.

Last month I said that I intended to lead an administration that took decisions in the best interests of local residents and the services many of you depend upon. If my cabinet colleagues and I are to achieve this then we need to find as many ways as possible to explain to you how and why any decisions are being taken.

I therefore hope that this column will give you an insight into the workings of the Council and most importantly, into how your views can shape the decisions we take.

I would also reiterate that the coalition are united by a shared aim of protecting the people and services of the Vale and every cabinet meeting will been held in this spirit. We will use that same principle and spirit when we will be considering upcoming reports.

To that end my cabinet colleagues and I have already approved £2.37m of additional funding for school buildings and £1.7m of investment into the Vale's transport infrastructure, money that will be spent on both improvements to our roads and studies into the potential of ambitious future schemes like a link between Penarth and the Cardiff Bay Barrage.

There has been other good news to report this month too. We have seen Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and Cowbridge Comprehensive School receive outstanding inspection reports and I would like to commend all the staff at both schools and the council who work to support their achievements and thank them on behalf of the communities and the pupils they serve.

Regrettably, there has been some bad news too this month. We were devastated at the news of the closure of the Ford plant in Bridgend. It was a stark reminder of the realities we are all facing in these austere and turbulent times.

However, I know that for me and my cabinet colleagues it served as a stark reminder of why good quality public services will always be required to support people in times of need.

It is fair to say that since returning to the Leader's office I've not had as much time to get out and enjoy all that the Vale has to offer, but one event that I will be making time for is this weekend's Barry Island Festival of Food.

Formerly known as Beats, Eats and Treats and one of the Council's annual Barry Island Weekenders, the event promises to be better than ever this year. There will be live music, craft stalls, top quality food and drink from lots of local pop-up operators and of course a fantastic view out from the eastern promenade.

We will also be welcoming our twinning friends from the continent, who will also have stands at the event. I hope that the weather stays fine and that as many people as possible join us and have a good time at the event.

Finally, I would like to close the first of my monthly columns by thanking the team at The GEM for offering me the opportunity to resume writing to readers each month.

Cllr Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale Council

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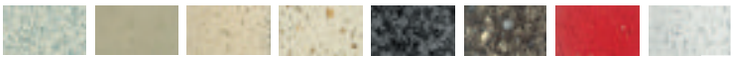

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It's a first! Pencoedtre High School holds exhibition and presentation event

Jane Hutt AM is pictured with Pencoedtre High School's headteacher, Tyrone Davies at the event.

JANE Hutt AM recently attended Pencoedtre High School's first ever presentation evening and art exhibition.

Ms Hutt said: "It was great to attend the Pencoedtre High School presentation evening to celebrate the successes of year 7 and 8 students. Enjoying the art and design exhibition was also a joy."

Blackmill farm to host breeding project event

A south Wales sheep farm is hosting a free open event on Thursday, July 4 to showcase the benefits of the Ram Compare project to commercial farmers.

Rhys and Russel Edwards, who farm at Hendre Ifan Goch in Blackmill, Bridgend, will be sharing their experiences of being part of the revolutionary RamCompare project, highlighting the advantages of understanding ram breeding traits which can ultimately help farmers meet target specifications.

RamCompare is the UK's commercial progeny test and enables performance recorded lambs to be tested in commercial conditions – allowing animals to be compared irrespective of breed.

The five-year project is funded by a range of industry organisations and partners, including Hybu Cig Cymru – Meat Promotion Wales (HCC) – Wales red meat levy board through a join ring-fence fund with QMS and AHDB.

Hendre Ifan Goch is one of nine commercial farms participating in the project. Rhys and Russel have been involved since 2017 and are eager to share their approach with other commercial farmers. Rhys said: "Our approach to the business is to focus on detail and by being involved in RamCompare and using the Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) and the genetics available in this project, we've gained a better understanding of what works best on our farm and ultimately have produced more uniform and consistent lambs.'

HCC's Flock Genetics Executive Gwawr Parry said: "This open event is a great opportunity for commercial farmers to see how using EBVs and different rams can make an important impact on productivity and efficiency.

@I would urge any farmer who is interested to come along."

The event at Hendre Ifan Goch (CF35 6EN) starts at 4pm on July 4. The evening will commence with introductions from Gwawr Parry from HCC and Emma Steele from AHDB on the RamCompare project at 4pm, followed by an overview of Hendre Ifan Goch by Rhys Edwards.

The event will also include a farm walk and Q&A session before finishing with a cold buffet supper.

Farmers can register for the event by contacting HCC on 01970 625050 or info@hccmpw.org.uk.

PACT meetings in the Vale of Glamorgan

COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Gibbonsdown PACT will be held at the Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise Barry on Tuesday, July 9 at 10.30am.

A Police Surgery will be held at Victoria Park Community Room between 2pm and 4pm on Thursday, July 18.

A Police Surgery will be held at Llantwit Major Library on Tuesday, July 9 from 10.30 am until 11.30am

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto:

www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO to contact them directly for non emergency matters.

Fine day for ducks planned in Knap Gardens

THE Rotary Club of Barry charity duck race on Saturday, July 20, will take place for the third time at its new home in the Knap Gardens, this year with more attractions than ever before.

Alongside the numerous stalls and attractions, the event will also host a 'scruffs' style dog show, a dance display, a model boat display, have-a-go archery, and a free kids' play zone provided by the Vale Sports and Play development team.

Dogs can be registered for the dog show at the event and ducks can be sponsored at Food for Thought, Doctor Bob's Balloons, Giggles Toy Shop, Romilly's Café, and Snowdrop Independent Living at Cogan.

There will also be a number of one-day sponsor events where the race mascot 'Ditty the Duck' will appear.

The forthcoming events will be announced on the Rotary Club of Barry Facebook page

Exciting plans for local tennis club

BRIDGEND Lawn Tennis Club has been putting in preparations for the British tennis season by unveiling resurfaced courts amid exciting new plans.

It is hoped that the developments both on and off the court will attract members from the local community.

The club, which five years ago changed its entity from a private members' club to a community interest company, is actively seeking to encourage people to take up the sport.

It also offers a pay and play scheme, allowing local residents to pick up a racket and try out the recently refurbished courts.

Edward Wilkins, chairman of the Bridgend Association of Bowls, Tennis and Squash Clubs Community Interest Company, said: "Our ethos is to provide sport to be used by the community.

"In our endeavour to further improve our facilities, we've significantly invested in our tennis and squash courts.

"It's pleasing to note that this money was generated through fundraising by our members and also contributions from local companies, as well as through organising fundraising events.

"We've also improved significantly in our coaching infrastructure and we are very fortunate to have Stephen Richards as our coach.

"He's built a team around him and he now provides coaching for, essentially, all ages.

"Starting from young children to a new group that's been established, called 'rusty rackets'.

"That covers the requirements of the older person who used to play tennis but now wishes to retrieve the skills to start playing again."

The club currently boasts the only grass courts in Wales and is the only tennis venue that hosts open membership in the local area.

Wilkins revealed their ambitious plans for the future, which would see further lighting facilities installed on each court.

"We also have a bigger project where we would like to improve the lightning facilities of the lower courts.

"We are fortunate that we've had a grant from Sport Wales to do that so we are very grateful to them.

"We now need to receive planning permission from the council to proceed with our plans.

"That will allow us to improve on junior coaching during the winter months and will allow better access for players during that period.

"Our grass courts have been a valuable asset in recent years but we can only play on grass courts for three or four months per year.

"We've sought advice from the Lawn Tennis Association and Tennis Wales about changing the courts to all-weather, artificial clay which will allow people to play throughout the winter.

"This is a major project that will be very challenging and we're awaiting planning permission from the council. We hope they will support us.

"Our ambitions aren't for any personal gain but to enhance our facilities for the community. We're now the only tennis facility which has open membership in the locality of Bridgend."

More than 350 members are involved across the tennis, squash and bowls sections and Wilkins says the club are hoping to build on that figure this summer with all ages and abilities encouraged to join.

He added: "We are also very fortunate that we have a vibrant squash section. We have recently introduced a junior section and offer coaching and training for youngsters.

"We also have a well-maintained bowling surface and are keen to encourage younger people who wish to play bowls to join."

"We want to welcome members of the community, including all ages and abilities."

Callum Ellis

Last few seats left for Windsor!

THE forthcoming coach trip to Windsor, organised by St Illtyd's Church on Saturday, July 13 is proving a runaway success.

So successful, in fact, that a larger coach has been booked, but only a few seats remain.

Tickets for the trip cost £20 and the coach will leave from outside St Illtyd's in Newcastle at 8am, departing Windsor at 5pm.

Those on the trip, which is open to parishioners and non-parishioners alike, will have the day to wander through the historic market town, visit Windsor Castle, take in the Long Walk, view St George's Chapel (considered by the historian John Martin Robinson to be "… one of the supreme achievements of English Perpendicular Gothic" design), and enjoy myriad gift shops, tea rooms, and restaurants.

Changing the Windsor Castle Guard takes place at 11am, and with a clear M4 and a tailwind, it should be possible to see this splendid event.

You might even be able to see The Queen.

Parish priest Father David Lloyd said: "We are all delighted that this trip, to a new destination for us, is proving so successful.

"Just a few seats are left, so get in touch to book a seat, and remember, you don't have to be a parishioner to join us on what will be another super day out."

For more information, search for @saintilltyd-bridgend on Facebook or call 01656 655999.

Tickets are also available at the church.

HJ

Sam Davies ward could close at Barry Hospital

A WARD at Barry Hospital could be closed after a review into bed capacity has taken place.

The GEM understands the Sam Davies ward, described on the NHS Wales website as 'a 23-bedded rehabilitation ward', could close in three months.

We contacted Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to ask what was planned.

A spokeswoman for the board said: "Cardiff and Vale UHB is committed to providing care and services appropriate for the needs of our patients.

"We are currently engaging with staff on improving the pathway for frail older people which will maintain the individual's independence and improve their recovery journey to get them home more quickly.

"Part of this engagement involves reviewing the bed capacity at Barry Hospital for older patients so they receive the appropriate care pathway for their needs and spend less time in a hospital setting."

Art and Craft exhibition

LLANTWIT Major Art and Craft group will hold their annual exhibition on July 6 and 7 between 10am and 4pm at Llantonian Hall.

There will be a diverse range of original paintings and prints and crafts on display including cards, jewellery, fused glass, felted items, knitted and stitched items all made in the Vale. There will be a raffle on both days; with handmade items donated by members in support of the Christmas Lights committee on Sunday. All welcome!

Scam phone calls aimed at GEM readers

WE have been made aware of companies calling from an international telephone numbers enquiring whether people have been receiving their copy of The GEM through the door.

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Group's call for 'climate emergency'

BARRY Action for Nature have launched an online petition calling on the Vale Council and Barry Town Council to declare a 'climate emergency' in order for them to take urgent action to tackle the looming climate crisis facing the natural world.

Councils across the country are responding by declaring a 'climate emergency' and committing the resources needed to address it. London, Liverpool, Bristol, Newport and 23 other local authorities have already passed motions declaring a climate emergency. Barry Action for Nature believe that Barry and the Vale should also take action.

The chairman of Barry Action for Nature, Rob Curtis, added: "Barry and the Vale are coastal local authorities and as such are extremely vulnerable to climate change. We are calling on politicians of all political parties and none to work together and show some true leadership.

"Over 90 councils have already passed climate emergency motions, we must play our part.

But we must also hold our politicians to account to make sure they deliver the resources and political will to deliver real change."

To sign the petition, visit you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/climate-emergency-time-for-action.

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Tom Channon's memory will live on through campaign to make young people safe abroad

A RHOOSE couple whose son died in a tragic fall in Spain last year are launching a safety campaign to protect young people who are going abroad for the first time.

Tom Channon (18) fell 70 feet over an unprotected knee-high wall at an apartment complex in Magaluf. He had been making his way back to his hotel in the darkness and took a wrong turn into a small car park area with a fatal drop on one side. Another tourist, Tom Hughes from Wrexham, had died in almost the same spot a few weeks earlier.

Now, despite their own pain and anguish, John and Ceri Channon are anxious to ensure other young people are kept safe in unfamiliar locations abroad. Tom was a special young man with a bright future ahead of him.

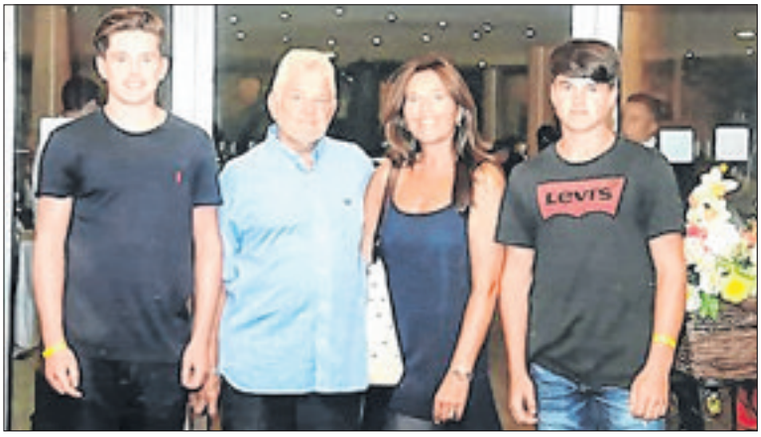
His father John said: "It was absolutely tragic. Tom was a lovely lad, well liked by all and wouldn't hurt a soul. He was a fantastic son and brother.

"He loved football and tennis. He played football for clubs in Rhoose and Barry, and was a member of Barry Tennis Club and Penarth Tennis Club. He attended Rhoose Primary School, St Richard Gwyn and St David's Catholic College. Unknown to him, he had got fantastic A-Level grades. I work in international economic development and he had wanted to follow me into development economics."

Tom had been offered a place at university, but the advice of tutors was to remain at St David's a little longer and get a key qualification. John explained: "He was going to stay on for another year to get advanced mathematics under his belt which would have opened up a huge choice of jobs."

Tom was in Spain last July celebrating with friends after completing his A-Levels. On the night he fell, he had been drinking, but his alcohol levels were below twice the drink drive limit and there were no drugs in his system.

John said: "St David's College has offered to help our campaign. We aim to target schools and colleges emphasising safety issues abroad. The message is 'stay safe and stay together' in unfamiliar territory.



Tom (left) during an earlier holiday with his parents John and Ceri and brother James.

It is okay to have a good time – but it is not the same as the familiar surroundings at home and there could be dangers that young people might not be aware of."

The Welsh Government is lending its support to the campaign. Last week, the family had to undergo the pain and distress of the inquest, but John was pleased that the coroner, Graeme Hughes, had pointed out that a few simple steps could have avoided the tragedy.

The coroner noted that Tom was intoxicated and tired, but not out of control. He said it was tragic that a simple fence hadn't been erected following the death of the man a month earlier.

Astonishingly, it was only after a visit by John that a safety fence was put up, and finally a permanent wall. John said: "What has been hurtful to us is that not a single owner in the apartment block has offered their condolences."

Back home in Wales, the family have the considerable comfort that there have been a number of memorials set up to Tom. St David's College has instituted a prize for academic achievement in his name along with a memorial garden and a 'Tom Channon Lecture Room'. Tom worked part-time at Ikea and colleagues there planted a tree in his memory and dedicated a bench with a plaque in his memory. Similar tributes have been undertaken at St Richard Gwyn School and at Fontygary Leisure Park where Tom spent many happy hours.

But perhaps the greatest tribute to him will be the family's campaign to make the UK's young people safer abroad and prevent a similar tragedy from happening again in the future.

What's on, and where in your area?

Village fete

ST Hilary hold their village fete on Saturday, June 29.

Taking place between 2pm and 5pm on the village green and followed by a hog roast and live music at The Bush Inn until late, all are welcome with fun for all ages.

A treasure hunt for all who attend the fete between 2pm - 8pm. The treasure hunt quiz sheet will be available from a stall outside of the Bush Inn pub, and there will be a prize for those who get it 100 per cent correct!

Parkinson's Support Group

THE Vale of Glamorgan Parkinson's Support Group is in Dinas Powys and meets at 2pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys, CF64 4QQ.

We have regular speakers on a variety of subjects, arrange lunches together and have several outings during the year. Anybody wishing to come along to our meetings can turn up on the day. Call Dave Escott on 02920 595315, or email addresspollyjune6@btinternet.com.

Friends of the Earth meeting

THE next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be at 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry on Tuesday, July 2.

Stroke Club

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are running a monthly drop-in Stroke Club in the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

You can find out about services in the Vale that can help you cope with the aftermath of a stroke, and chat to others over a cuppa. In line with Stroke Awareness Month a session will be held on Thursday, July 4 from 10am to 12pm. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Volunteering event

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services is hosting its latest mini volunteering event on Thursday, July 4 from 11am - 1pm at CF61 (formerly Llantwit Major Youth Centre), Station Road, Llantwit Major.

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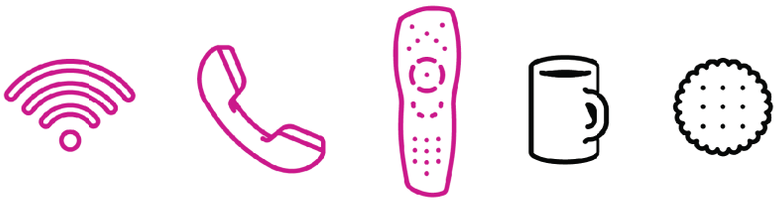

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Barry Scouts & Guides

2019 Annual Fete Saturday 6th July 2019

We want to break a world record and need your help!

AT this year's Scout and Guide fete in Barry on July 6 at Romilly Park, Scouts and Guides are looking to break the world record for the largest number of people inside a Fleur de Lis (also known as the Scout sign).

The world record is currently held by Carfest North UK and consists of 445 participants.

The formation was held for more than five minutes with Bear Grylls making an appearance.

With the Barry Scout and Guide fete known to be the largest in the UK, we should easily break this record. Scouts and Guides are looking forward to welcoming as many people as possible to this year's fete and are inviting the public to join them in breaking the world record attempt.

The fete is a great day out for all the family. Entrance is by a lucky prize draw programme which can be bought from a local Scout and Guide group or £2 per person at the gate on the day.

Under 5s are free.

The Barry Scout and Guide fete is now in its 66th year and has only ever been cancelled twice.

The first Scout fete was held at Romilly Park in 1933 when it was called a Kymspaumi.

The fete was resurrected after the Second World War when groups needed funds and is still a major source of income for Scouts and Guides.

It costs more than £120,000 a year to run the Scout and Guide groups.

All our leaders are volunteers and would cost over £100,000 a year if they were to be paid for the work that they do.

Our adults volunteer because they enjoy developing the youth of our town, have fun and learn new skills along the way.

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Barry Scouts and Guides 2019

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Councillor Christine Cave, is pleased to support the Barry Scouts and Guides 2019 fete and wishes them a successful event.

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Mae Maer Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, y Cynghorydd Christine Cave, yn falch o gael cefnogi Gwyl Sgowtiaid a Geidiau'r Barri 2019 ac yn dymuno pob llwyddiant iddi.

Toy Story 4 gives you all you could want from a movie!

AS trilogy closers go, *Toy Story 3* was damn near perfection. The culmination of three films following the adventures of Woody, Buzz Lightyear et al, it ended in such a beautiful way that you couldn't help but feel a little (or a lot) of moisture around the eyes.

It was something of a surprise when *Toy Story 4* was announced, but whether it's a worthy addition to the series or an example of cashing in on an established property we'll find out as it hits cinemas.

Having been re-homed with Bonnie at the end of the last film, the toys welcome a newcomer, Forky (voiced by Tony Hale) who Bonnie has created herself.

When Forky begins suffering from an identity crisis, a road trip goes horribly wrong when he leaps out of the car, with Woody (Tom Hanks) chasing after him.

Together the pair must try and return home, though with Buzz (Tim Allen) and co. chasing after them, and an old face from Woody's past showing up, things won't be easy...

Pixar's films have always had adult concerns wrapped up in child-friendly packaging, a smart technique that has seen their films last across the generations; after all, it's incredible to think that the original *Toy Story* was released in 1995, meaning that this latest outing is likely to be enjoyed by, at least, two generations (particularly the two-month old who was in the screening I attended).

So, given the way the third part wrapped up, does *Toy Story 4* feel like a worthwhile addition or just a case of Disney and Pixar leaning heavily on a box office certainty?

Happily, it's a case of the former, a film that, given the weight of expectation that comes with it, handles it with ease and a light touch, while simultaneously digging into some quite heavy subject matter, albeit framed by toys.

This is a film that rests heavily on the shoulders of Woody; since his, and the rest of the toys', re-homing with Bonnie, Woody has become a little forgotten about, and this is a film that deals with the passing of time, his place in the larger world and what happens when people grow up.

There are equally deep and meaningful subplots about rejected toys, being there for your friends and realising what you think is best isn't always the answer, subject matter that wouldn't be out of place were it to pop up in a live-action drama.

While some of the background characters aren't given much to do (I will continue to lament the paucity of Mr Prickle Pants), this is a film that goes full circle to the first film, the relationship with Woody and Forky replicating that of Woody and Buzz.

It draws the best out

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of the voice cast – Tom Hanks is brilliant as Woody, getting to grips with his place in the new order of things, while Tim Allen's Buzz again manages to balance pomposity with heart.

Annie Potts is superb as the returning Bo Peep, a renegade toy who shows Woody there's more to life than being a child's toy, while newcomers Tony Hale as the Woody Allen-esque fork, Christina Hendricks as an antique toy with an agenda, Jordan Peele and Keegan-Michael Key as a pair of smart-mouthed plush toys with a vivid imagination and Keanu Reeves' amazing Canadian stuntman Duke Caboom all bring something to the table.

Visually Pixar keep pushing the envelope, and the CGI animation is beyond flawless; the world created has its own distinct visual feel but the vividness and realism on show is a credit to all involved.

The plot twists and turns may be sometimes a little too much, but the ambition from the writers is admirable, going for something more interesting than a simple A-B-C plot, while director Josh Cooley belies his lack of experience with an assured debut, maintaining the tone and feel of what has gone before without slavishly reheating beats from the previous films.

Given that Pixar has said that they will only be concentrating on standalone films from now on, it means that this is likely to be the final *Toy Story* film – but what a way to go out.

Heartwarming, fun, humorous and sastisfying from begininng to end, *Toy Story 4* is a great success!

VERDICT: Every bit as beautiful, funny, smart and emotional as you could have hoped for, *Toy Story 4* delivers all you could want from this film. There's real heart and feeling to the story, and it's tremendous and moving effort that is truly worth your time. Highly recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Toy Story 3* (2010), *Inside Out* (2015).

This review marks my last as The GEM's film critic, something I've been doing since 2005 (trivia note – my first review was Tim Burton's Charlie & The Chocolate Factory). I've loved every minute of giving my views on the latest films, and hope you have enjoyed the critique, if not the films themselves! Thank you very much for reading.

Music fans will be spoilt for choice at Festival

TICKETS go on sale soon for the tenth anniversary of Cowbridge Music Festival.

Taking place over the middle two weeks of September, the festival promises to be bigger and better than ever with 19 classical, folk and jazz events being held throughout the town and 11 community outreach concerts in Vale schools and care homes.

Classical music lovers will be spoilt for choice with saxophonist Jess Gillam, pianist Llŷr Williams, the Aronowitz Piano Trio and the world famous Tenebrae Consort.

Due to popular demand jazz guitarist Remi Harris and jazz clarinettist Julian Bliss both return to the festival, and the Budapest Cafe Orchestra led by dazzling jazz violinist Christian Garrick make their first and much-anticipated appearance.

Completing the main programme of events is Syrian qanun player Maya Youssef, who performs her life-affirming compositions and brings a powerful message of hope from her war-torn country.

Saxophonist Jess Gillam will perform at the forthcoming Cowbridge Music Festival.

The Fringe, now in its second year, will be made up of live jazz events at The Bear Hotel and Oscars, a free concert showcasing young Welsh musicians, a free harp recital at the Library, a Twmpath at the Duke of Wellington and a concert/sing-along with Cor Meibion y Machlud at the Town Hall.

Cowbridge Music Festival will take place from September 6-21 and tickets go on sale on Monday, July 1.

For more information, visit www.cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk.

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BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) wants to recognise and honour outstanding people and organisations that have made a significant contribution to our community during the past year and they want to hear from you!

A spokeswoman said: "Do you know any individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to their community? Would you like to help give them the recognition they deserve?

"Every year, thousands of individuals and groups volunteer across Bridgend county borough to give their time, energy, skills and commitment to help others in their community.

BAVO is holding their annual Bridgend Volunteer Achievement Awards 2019 in November at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend, which will provide an ideal opportunity to recognise and thank volunteers in the county borough.

There are eight categories including awards for charity shop of the year, befriending and mentoring, volunteers aged under and over 25 years, trustee of the year, volunteer project of the year, sports volunteer and outstanding volunteer contribution.

The deadline for nominations is 12pm on Wednesday, July 31; for nomination forms visit www.bavo.org.uk or call BAVO's Bridgend Volunteer Centre, on 01656 810400..

Rotary's support for local charities

Crisis Wales fundraising manager Jo Leonard with members of Cowbridge Rotary Club in the town's Physic Garden.

NOT gale force winds nor relentless rain can dampen the spirits of Cowbridge Rotary when it comes to raising funds for charity or lending a helping hand to support local communities.

So, the especially unpredictable weather of our summer so far, served only to see Rotary members donning all-weather gear and springing into action to ensure the 2019 Rotary Spring Gardens event, in aid of three charities, CRISIS 'Together we will end Homelessness', Y Bont, 'Enabling Children with a Disability to fulfil their Potential' and The Samaritans, 'Lets Talk', was nothing short of a huge success.

Crisis Wales fundraising manager Jo Leonard was the first of the three nominated charities, to be presented with a cheque for £2,000 by Rotary president Michael Long, to support the exceptional work the charity is doing to help homeless people put their lives back together again.

Michael said: "Homelessness is, sadly, a growing problem everywhere, which is why I chose Crisis Wales as one of my three nominated charities for my presidential term.

"We will also be making equivalent donations to the Y Bont and The Samaritans initiatives over the next week or two, and I am delighted that Cowbridge Rotary has been able to play a part in supporting the tremendous work going on to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our communities."

"Thanks to the support of the people of the Vale, and the commitment of my colleagues in Cowbridge Rotary, we have been able to organise and support a number of events, initiatives and charitable causes over the past year and the Rotary Spring Gardens was just one of them.

"Rotary is dedicated to raising funds for good causes and providing support and service to our local communities, and seeing the difference those efforts can bring is a heart-warming experience."

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Hygiene Bank helps homeless

RESIDENTS at the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Ty Iolo hostel have benefitted from donations from The Hygiene Bank, an organisation that provides personal care items to those that need them most.

Ty Iolo offers individuals facing homelessness accommodation in a 21-room complex, each with its own bathroom and four offering disabled access. It also has a lounge and large kitchen.

The Hygiene Bank's Wales Coordinator Caroline Volrath recently offered products to those staying there.

The donations have gone to families and vulnerable single people and include sanitary products, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, shaving kit and nappies.

The Hygiene Bank is a national charity that began in the south east, inspired by the Ken Loach film I Daniel Blake, which highlighted how badly individuals in certain circumstances need personal products.

Cllr Ben Gray, Vale Council Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, said: "Ty Iolo is a fantastic service that offers some of the Vale's most vulnerable residents support when they need it most. It provides assistance to those in desperate situations and this partnership with The Hygiene Banks only adds to the help available.

"We are extremely grateful to Caroline for the generous donations received so far. They have made a real difference to the recipients."

Caroline, from Bonvilston, established the charity in Wales and soon after partnered with Ty Iolo.

The Hygiene Bank encourages the community to donate new, unopened toiletries and essential beauty grooming products via collection boxes situated in shops, service providers and public services.

Members of the public are also encouraged to be collectors for their office, sporting group, friends and family. The products are then reboxed or bagged according to type and distributed to charity partners, who in turn give them out to families and individuals in crisis.

To donate, contact Caroline at thbwales@gmail.com

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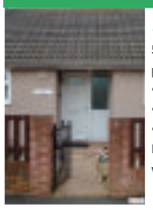

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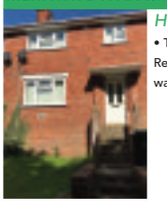

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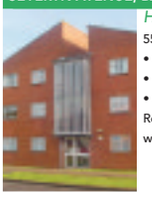

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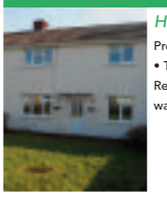

H4U reference 232548

Pref to larger families
- Three bed parlour house

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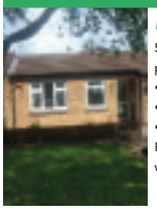

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- One bed bungalow
- Wet Room
- Community Alarm

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H4U reference 234807

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- Community Alarm

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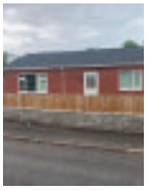

H4U reference 250887

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- Community Alarm

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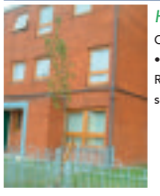

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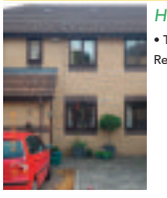

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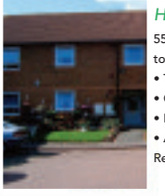

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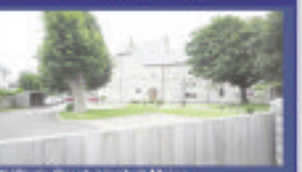
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Philip David John (Oodle)

It is with great sadness that the family announce the passing of Philip, aged 66 years, on 16th June. Philip will be well-known for his time as a teacher in Barry and the founder of 'The Old Record Club'. Devoted partner to Pauline, cherished son of Val and the late David John Weir. Loving brother of Lynne and a devoted uncle to Victoria, Alexandra and their families.

Philip will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service until a celebration of Philip's life at All Saints Church, Barry on Monday, 8th July at 12.15pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Barry Dock RNLI in memory of Philip.

AKERS
Patricia Ethel (*née* Nash)

Peacefully on 7th June at Ty Gwyn Nursing Home, Penarth, Pat, devoted wife to the late Peter, much loved mum to Keith, Richard and the late Jeffery. Special mother-in-law of Serena and Andrea. A loving nan of the late Chris.

Funeral service to take place at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 1st July at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Pat's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk to support The Stroke Association. Colourful Clothing to be worn as this was Pat's wish.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Directors, telephone 01446 407962.

JONES
Barrie Yorath

Peacefully at the University of Hospital Wales on 19th June, aged 74 years. Beloved husband of Rosalie and loving father to Louise and Kathryn.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at 3.45pm on Tuesday, 2nd July at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Family flowers only. Donations welcomed in Barrie's memory to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Velindre Road, Cardiff, CF14 2TL.

ROBERTS
Glenys Dora (*née* Lenahan)

Sadly but peacefully at home, Glenys passed away on the 18th June after a long illness. Much loved mother to Janice, John, Colin and Debbie, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend.

Glenys will be sorely missed by all who loved and knew her.

Resting at James Summers, Lavernock until the service at St Illtud's Church on Thursday, 4th July at 11am, thereafter to Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Marie Curie

EBBS
Marjorie (*née* Day)

Peacefully on Saturday, 22nd June at College Fields Nursing Home, Marjorie, aged 91 years. Beloved wife of the late Ted, loving mum of Haydn, Ceri and Barita, respected mother-in-law of Mary and Julie and cherished nana of Jonathon.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 4th July, service 11am at St Curig's Church, Porthkerry, Barry, followed by cremation 12 noon at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Alzheimers Society c/o the funeral director.

CATON
Bob

Peacefully on 18th June at home – Bob, well known for his time and dedication of Barry Dock RNLI and devoted husband to Janice. Much loved and cherished father of Mandi, Nicola, Nigel, the late Martyn and their families.

Bob will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 2nd July at 10am.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth or Touch Trust.

CRONIN
Eileen

22/6/1929 - 19/6/2019

Very sadly, Eileen passed away in her sleep at 1.45am Wednesday morning. Much loved wife of Tommy - "She was my world, my life, my heart will always be broken". Son Mark, who was loved to bits, wife Helen, two granddaughters, Leah and husband Dai, Alexa. Mike and Charlie, Dan and Dan. Eight great grandchildren. Aimee, Calum, Jacob, Amren, Alanah, Zach, Abella and Sion.

Jeepers Creepers, Eileen we will miss you forever. Goodnight God bless; the perfect wife, mum, grandma.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the funeral service on Thursday, 4th July at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 2pm.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to Ty Hapus Alzheimer's Society, 163 Holton Road,

WOOLLEY
Derek William

22/12/34 - 23/6/19

Passed away suddenly at home on 23rd June 2019. Husband to Joan, father to Malcolm and Gillian, grandfather to Hannah and Helen and great grandfather to Evan.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 5th July, service and cremation 10am at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

No flowers by request. Donations to Alzheimer's Society UK c/o the funeral director.

EDWARDS
Alfred George (Known as Graham)

Sadly passed away at the University Hospital of Wales on Saturday, 22nd June following a short illness.

Graham will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 8th July, service and cremation 11am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. No flowers by request. Donations if desired, to Diabetes UK c/o the funeral director.

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CARUTH
Terence Robert (Terry)

Passed away at the Princess of Wales Hospital on 24th June, aged 79 years. Beloved partner of Kay.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at 10.30am on Tuesday, 9th July at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Family flowers only. Donations welcomed in Terry's memory to Macmillan Cancer Support, 89 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7UQ.

THAIN
Jean

04.08.29 - 15.06.19

Jean passed away suddenly at the University Hospital of Wales on 15th June 2019. Beloved mother to David, mother-in-law to Jayne, grandmother to Kayleigh, Hannah and Aimee and great grandmother to Briony.

Service to be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 12 noon on Monday, 1st July 2019 with celebration at Rhoose Social Club after the service.

No flowers by request. Donations to British Heart Foundation, c/o W James & Sons Funeral Directors, Chapel of Rest, The Yard, Fonmon, CF62 3BJ.

JAMES
Stephen Gareth

Stephen passed away peacefully on 20th June 2019 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, aged 62 years. Dearly loved brother of Gloria, Elaine, Barbara and the late David. Brother-in-law to Geoffrey, Clive, John and Jennifer, an adored uncle and great uncle.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

In the care of Lyndsay Ellis Funeral Director, Barry until the Requiem Mass at St Helens Roman Catholic Church, Barry on Friday, 5th July at 2.15pm, followed by committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

The family wish to thank the Marie Curie team for their wonderful care of Stephen.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in memory of Stephen may be made to Marie Curie Hospice.

Acknowledgements

HARTERY
Byron Lindsay

The family would like thank everyone who attended Bryon's funeral - his friends and colleagues from Chubb and Securicor, and all those who knew and remembered him.

They would like to thank Father Ben for conducting the service, also everyone who donated to ValePlus and to Joseph of A.G. Adams Funeralcare for his kindness and consideration at this sad time.

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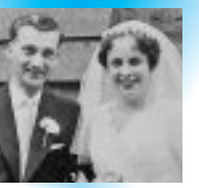

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To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below.
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Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:-
Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB
NAME OF APPLICANT: Gurnam Singh
NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES: Ground Floor Shop, 101 Oxford Street, Pontycymmer, Bridgend, CF32 8DE.
STATEMENT OF INTENDED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES: (1) Sale of Alcohol for consumption off premises between the hours of 08:00 - 20:00 hours Monday to Saturday and from 10:00 to 22:00 on Sunday.
DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: 17 July 2019.
This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely 19 June 2019, 28 consecutive for days.
It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.

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NAME OF APPLICANT: Filco Supermarkets
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Cup win for Cowbridge mid-week team against Cardiff in T20 Cup

Back row: Chris Willey, Heath Webb, Joe Russell (c), Jack Cropper, Ali Johnston. Front row: Tom Williams, Sam Russell, Tom Wood, Louis Sevenoaks, Gareth Williams-Davies and Jack Davies.

COWBRIDGE Cricket Club travelled to Cardiff to play in the quarter final of the Vale Mid Week T20 Cup competition and returned with a lot of glory.

Asked to bat first on a firm wicket, the two Jacks produced varying innings to compile most of the runs.

Jack Cropper opened the innings and scored a breezy 37 runs, of which 36 were scored in 4s.

When he departed, Jack Davies took a more modest performance and ended on 50 runs not out in a total of 133 for five.

In reply, Cardiff had a good opening stand of 46 by S Jones 24 and J Meggit, also with 24.

Cowbridge bowled a good line and length complemented by excellent fielding making scoring difficult for the home team.

The introduction of off spin Jack Davies slowed the scoring even more and though he was hit for 14 runs in his first over, he redeemed himself to finish with three for 20.

Young Lewis Sevenoaks had his best game to date when he took an overhead catch of the highest order at deep long on. With Cardiff needing to up the scoring rate, his left arm medium pace bowling kept the Cardiff batsmen quiet as also Tom Williams from the other end, both finishing their four overs for just 20 runs.

In the end, Cardiff could only reach 117 for five and Cowbridge go through to the semi final with a 16 run victory.

Cowbridge play next week away to Pentyrch in the league.

A very busy week for Cowbridge bowlers

LAST week was the busiest of the season for Cowbridge Bowls Club's lady bowlers.

It was a good week overall with Cowbridge gaining maximum points in three home games and four points in an away league game.

On Monday, June 17, Dinas Powis ladies were the visitors in the two rink Evening League.

Rink scores: Jean Hunt, Joan Bradley, Helen Nixon and Shirley Wilkinson 19-10; Diane Purnell, Maggie Penn, Dorothy Pritchard and Elaine Dobie 16-9. Match score: Cowbridge 35, Dinas Powis 19.

The following day Llantwit Major ladies played Cowbridge in a Cowbridge Shield Match.

Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Corrie Bufton, Caryl Davies and Joy Woolford 19-6; Helana Snelling, Margaret Cooper, Maggie Penn and Dorothy Pritchard 15-10; Mary Dowdle, Tina Payne, Shirley Wilkinson and Lin Wallace 16-11. Match score: Cowbridge 50, Llantwit Major 27.

Next day, again at home, in a rearranged Cowbridge Shield match, Pencoed Ladies were the visitors.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Corrie Bufton, Elaine Dobie and Joy Woolford 16-13.5; Mary Dowdle, Kay Edwards and Caryl Davies 18.75-6; Tina Payne, Margaret Cooper, Helana Snelling and Dorothy Pritchard 25-12. Match score: Cowbridge 59.75, Pencoed 31.5.

The ladies finished off the week with good result away to Penarth Rectory Road.

Although losing overall, four valuable away points were earned with wins on two of the three rinks.

Rink scores: Dorothy Pritchard, Mearl Owen, Caryl Davies and Lynda Wilson 8-32; Mary Dowdle. Joan Bradley, Joy Woolford and Helen Nixon 15-13; Tina Payne, Diane Purnell and Kay Edwards 14.25-11. Match score: Cowbridge 37.25, Penarth 56.

The men played in three competitions.

First up, in the Munro Cup, they were away to Barry Romilly. Records show that Cowbridge usually come second at the Rom and this was the case last Wednesday, losing on all four rinks.

Captain Norman Wilkinson's quartet of Terry Dunsworth, John Collin, Ken Payne and Norman put up a spirited performance, losing their battle by just four shots.

The following day a home **Evening League Triples** game against Gilfach Goch saw Cowbridge losing overall but winning on two of the rinks.

Rink scores: Mike Fahey, Ken Payne and Andrew Morgan 19-12; Stan Harding, Terry Foley and Clive Pritchard 6-23; Alan Jordan, John Collin and Colin Wilson 13-17; Bryan Hole, John Nixon and Alan Wallace 18-16. Match score: Cowbridge 56, Gilfach Goch 68.

The men, playing in their last game of the week, welcomed the **Rumney** club from Cardiff to Cowbridge.

It was always going to be an uphill task for Rumney who were not able to field a full team and were a player short on each rink. Cowbridge had a two wood advantage on each rink and ran out easy winners on all four.

Rink score: Ron Dobie, Ken Payne, Colin Pritchard and Alan Wallace 35-11; Gerry Lloyd, John Collin, John Nixon and Bob Penn 34-6; Terry Dunsworth, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 42-10; Alan Jordan, Terry Foley, Andrew Morgan and Roger Barwick 26-14. Match score: Cowbridge 137, Rumney 41.

Finally the ladies teams and the men's teams have a run of away matches early next month. It would help the selectors if more members made themselves available for selection so that full teams are selected in all matches.

MB

First round of championship at chess club and all still to play for

THE first round of the Barry Chess Club Championship took place this week - five games were completed.

There were no draws and five evenly-contested matches.

The lower ranked players all fought hard with Erion Pici being the surprise player to beat a much higher-ranked player – earning 43 ratings points in the process.

Mention should also be made about the performance of Ieuan Thomas. He was two pawns ahead and seemingly winning until his queen was pinned. This was the last match to finish on the night.

These performances auger well for the Stauntons in Division Four next season.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

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Phil Jones

European limelight shines on Barry Town

TONIGHT (Thursday) Barry Town United will play UEFA Europa League football, realising a dream many will have considered beyond the realm of possibility, even a few short seasons ago.

Opponents Cliftonville will pose a stern test in Thursday's first leg at Leckwith Stadium, the NIFL Premiership play-off winners coming to Wales with full intent of taking a result across the Irish Sea.

Kick-off is at 6.30pm and supporters can buy tickets on the day from the Cardiff City Stadium ticket office. It is a ticket-only game.

Meanwhile, Barry have been given 300 tickets for the second leg at Solitude, Belfast on July 4, with members and season ticket holders able to purchase two each on Friday at Jenner Park (4pm-8pm) and the remainder on general sale on Saturday (12pm-6pm) to those with proof of booked travel.

In the build-up to Thursday's match, various tales of European nights of yesteryear have been shared, from Mike Cosslett driving a fire engine to Jenner Park for the famous encounter with Aberdeen, to six-year old Kayne McLaggon scaling the walls for a glimpse of the Euro action.

This Thursday and next, McLaggon and his Town teammates have their inaugural opportunity to etch their names in the club's European history books, a place where Richard Jones' sumptuous strike at Pittodrie, Eifion Williams' headed equaliser against Dynamo Kiev and Lee Phillips' historic winner in Baku, Azerbaijan continue to resonate with a host of Town supporters, old and young.

Including their wins over Dinaburg, Budapest Vasutas and, notoriously, FC Porto, Thursday's fixture will be Barry's 25th European matchday in the space of 25 years, yet few statistics could be more misleading, given the club's long and arduous struggle to return to this eminent stage.

In July 2003, Adebayo Akinfenwa and his Town teammates left Europe with their heads held high, winning 2-1 against Vardar Skopje at Jenner Park, albeit after a decisive 3-0 defeat in Macedonia.

By the end of August, any European dreams seemed a million miles away.

Indeed, only the intervention of Vale Premier winners N and M Construction and a handful of local league colleagues ensured plummeting Town could continue on with their domestic campaign.

Now, Town prepare for Europe again, with so many players integral to this emotional journey back. With local lads like McLaggon, Curtis Watkins and Drew Fahiya handed a precious chance to emulate Barry's European heroes of yesterday, the likes of Paul Morgan, Lewis Cosslett and Troy Greening have all been part of Barry's team when it looked like there might not be a team at all.

Joining them for the next chapter are the returning Callum Sainty and promising goalkeeper George Radcliffe, a loan acquisition from neighbours Cardiff City, with Wales under-21 international experience.

The club's confirmation of these signings brings their summer recruitment to four, with defender Luke Cummings and winger Jack Compton each set to contend for their first competitive starts.

For Barry, the hour indeed is nigh. It's been a long road to get here. But where it goes from here is limitless.

AC

Huw does the double at Brynhill Golf Club

IT was a busy weekend of golf at Brynhill, which kicked off with the annual Festival Texas Scramble.

The top team on the day were Cael Penberthy, Nathan Clissold, Dave Stephenson and Calvin McLaggon, whose 58.5 was good enough see off the competition. The top ladies team, with 68, was Linda Hewlett, Robbie Lee, Glynis Gould and Helena Coombes.

On Sunday it was back to more serious business with the Bob Hope Trophy and Tennessee Cup on the line, the former being a handicap contest while the latter was played off scratch.

Eight handicapper Huw Vaughan won the 'Tennessee' with a magnificent level par 72 and when his eight shots were removed his net 64, seven better than second-placed Paddy Moore, meant he had romped the 'Bob' as well.

It's a certainty Huw won't have the luxury of 8 shots next weekend, when once again two prizes are up for grabs – the Queen's Coronation Cup for golfers and the Victory Trophy for the hackerati.

With both being stroke play medals there's precious little room for error but, as always at Brynhill, golf will be the real winner.

AS

Soccer sixes at Jenner Park

A NEWLY-formed six-a-side football league plays at Jenner Park on Monday nights between 8pm-10pm.

It is fully insured and run by top officials. It is a good opportunity for teams to use the league as training, and it will run all year round.

For further information, contact John Cottrell on 07990870662 or e-mail johncottrell.ref@hotmail.co.uk.

JC

Bridgend Bridge Club

A TEAM representing Bridgend Bridge Club were second in the national Teams Of Eight competition recently.

Congratulations to Mike Best, Kevin Maddox, John Evans, Steve Burgoyne, Tony Ratcliff, Julian Pottage, Laura Woodruff and Michael Close.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are:

June 19: First, Rob Forman and Alan Heath; second, Norma and David Newman; third Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock. June 20: First, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; second, Frances Heslin and Dee Finch; equal third, Stuart Davies and David Newman, and Clive Edwards and Paul Lyne. June 21: First, Norma and David Newman; second, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner; third, Simon and Debbie Richards.

Cowbridge Tennis on winning streak

ANOTHER week, another clean sweep as all four teams in action for CLTC over the weekend won their matches, to continue the promotion push for CLTC this summer.

Team of the week were the ladies' thirds who were playing the league leaders Mackintosh. This was a vital match to maintain an even keel in the battle for the two promotion spots. A wily selection by the captain, Kate Button, blended youth and experience.

Our youth coaching paid off with juniors Lily Buick and Ella Davies leading the way at first pair, with the 'ages withheld to protect the innocent' age blended pairings of Elaine Osborne and Leah James and Jenny Lord and Beth Heald each winning one of their two matches.

This meant we were able to pip Mackintosh in a 3-3 all winning draw with sets also tied at six apiece, so a nervous countback revealed a 56 to 52 game winning margin. Perhaps Jenny's encouragement to Beth helped them to a vital 6-1 win in their final set to swing the balance.

The ladies' first remain unbeaten in division 2 after a close 4-2 win over Dinas Powys. Similarly, the men's thirds remain unbeaten in division 5 following a 6-0 win over close neighbours Llantrisant.

Meanwhile, just over the hill in Pentryrch the men's seconds kept the pressure up at the top of division 2 with a 6-0 win over Pentyrch.

The men's firsts travelled to Treorchy and finished their match in the pouring rain but will be very pleased to have come away with a winning 3-all draw by courtesy of winning two more sets .

The club has a thriving membership and there are opportunities for all to play most nights, Saturday afternoons and ladies' mornings so you can play where you feel most comfortable.

We are a friendly family oriented club and are always welcoming new members.

More detailed information is available on our website *clubspark.lta.org.uk/CowbridgeTennisClub* or please call our coach Ian Duggan on 07919 816609.

DB

Keith's sub-par round takes prize

THE 50th Year Anniversary Cup is one of the sought-after trophies in the golfing calendar at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club.

The competition, now in its 33rd year always attracts a large entry, and this year was no exception.

The demanding format is a fourball better ball medal competition and both men and ladies are eligible to compete year after year, so there is always a close finish.

The top score of net 63 was posted by three pairs and count back over the last nine holes was used to separate them, with David Farmer and Andrew Tailby clinching the trophy by the narrowest of margins. Runners-up were Craig Chalmers and Ryan Cox just holding off Paul McCarthy and Alex Morgan.

Blair Drummond was delighted to score a hole in one on the par 3 second hole and was roundly cheered by all the members standing close to the bar, helping him to celebrate his achievement. Sunday was an equally busy day with the men competing for two honours board competitions.

The LG Fellows and Viv Jones Tankards are for 0-12 and 13-24 handicap groups and it was again a challenging medal competition, with players having to contend with significant rain during the day.

Despite the wet conditions an excellent gross 70 saw Keith Stimpson take the first prize with a net 67 in the lower handicap category. Keith's superb round included four birdies, 12 pars and dropping just a single stroke on the other two holes.

Howard Norman followed him home with a 78 net 67, just ahead of the consistent Kevin Knowles, who posted a 77 net 70.

In the higher handicap group, the winner was Chris Chalmers with an 89 net 71 and Richard Marden just missed out as runner-up with 85 net 72. Gerry Carter took third place with 92 net 74.

The ladies took part in a nine-hole qualifier and Mags Lewis posted a score of 16 points, ahead of Jackie Jones with 15 points.

The men's seniors' Stableford competition was held the following day and John Dudley played well to win with 38 points, with Phil Walker second on 36 points.

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Vale Cricket Firsts slip up but stay top

VALE CC first XI travelled to Lisvane in their South East Wales Division Three encounter.

On a good looking track that ended up playing very low with little bounce, Vale fielded first after losing the toss.

Openers Darren Upham (1-36) and Dean Oram (0-43) started and found things difficult. A run out in the 15th over by captain Brendan McCay saw the first wicket fall and at the halfway point, Lisvane were 103-2 with Darren Upham claiming the wicket of Williams (34) having his son take the catch.

Gethin Merry (2-20) took two well-deserved wickets in his first first XI game of the season. Merry bowled with precision and a yard more pace than last season, which is an excellent sign for this young developing cricketer. Jimbo Thomas (0-40) bowled well and was unlucky not to claim a wicket. Fellow spinner Alex Upham (0-36) was unable to add to his season's tally but Sean Rowland endured some aggressive end of innings hitting but claimed two wickets, finishing with 2-40.

After tea, Vale started their chase of 231 to win but it did not get off to the best of starts as Matthew Thomas (12) was out lbw in the third over.

Dean Oram (10) followed suit three overs later with the score at 31-2 after 6 overs. Alex Upham (17), Snelson (2) and McCay (6) all went in quick succession leaving Vale 57-5 after 13 overs.

Keeper Withers (27) and Rowland (31) added 61 runs for the sixth wicket, batting patiently and taking Vale closer to their target. Rowland and Withers both fell within an over of each other, meaning Vale had 122-7 with 15 overs to go.

Merry (21), Humphreys (14) and Thomas (20) all made valid contributions as did number 11 Darren Upham (6no) but Vale fell short as they aimed to chase down their target.

On a different day, Vale may well have ended up chasing the total down with more wickets in the shed but that is little good to them now. They ended the game 199 all out and only 32 runs away from winning the game with three overs remaining.

The middle and late order did an excellent job in trying to rebuild the innings and get Vale closer but it was not destined to be their day.

Despite this loss Vale sit top of the table and move on to entertaining Hopkinstown in Corntown this week.

Vale CC seconds skipper Mark Francis won the toss and elected to bat first on a glorious warm day in Corntown.

Vale made good progress with new opening pair Gareth Kelland and Idris Merry taking the score to 37 before Merry was caught for 14. Francis and Steve Hiles departed quickly for a run apiece and Vale were in the unaccustomed position of being three wickets down without 50 on the board.

This brought Ian Clewley to join Kelland at the wicket and these two compiled a splendid 131-run partnership to put Vale back on track to notch a total of 200-plus. Clewley's powerful innings included two big sixes before he was bowled for 57.

Kelland continued to accumulate runs steadily, playing some nice shots all round the wicket and running well between the wickets. He finally fell trying to find the boundary in the 37th over for an excellent innings of 85. Vale's innings fell away and from being 165-3 in the 32nd over Vale ended up being bowled out for 192 in the 40th.

For Cefn Fforest Joe Bal 3-39 and Keith Hudson 3-23 were the most successful bowlers.

Cefn started brightly and with positive intent against Vale's opening attack of Merry and Greg Andrews at five an over but this was checked as Merry took two wickets within his first three overs.

However, D Evans and S Matheson then compiled a 58 run partnership to steady the ship. Francis introduced the ever-reliable Tom Lazarus and young Sam Sheppard and these two dried up the run rate.

It was Sheppard who got the crucial breakthrough, removing Evans and Lazarus soon followed suit getting a breakthrough of his own and Cefn were 79-4 with an uphill struggle to reach their target.

This was compounded in the 24th over as Lazarus, bowling his last over, took three wickets, reducing Cefn to 91-7. These two had bowled superb spells with Lazarus finishing with figures of 8-1-21-4 and the impressive Sheppard 8-2-12-1.

Merry returned to take another two wickets with a variety of back of the hand slower balls to finish with good figures of 8-3-28-4. The final act was left to Paul Sheppard who, having had a catch behind dropped off his first ball, was left relieved when five balls later keeper Ashley Taylor made no mistake with the stumping chance presented to him.

A good all-round bowling performance was backed in the field with Taylor taking two catches and good catches held by Andy Knight, Andrews and Skipper Francis. This leaves Vale seconds in top spot and very much on the promotion trail.

Vale Bridgend Ford second XI man of the match was awarded to Gareth Kelland for his excellent innings.

HW

Vale third XI captain Paul Gilbert won the toss and chose to field, with visitors Croesyceiliog third XI getting off to a measured start in Wick.

Opening bowler Jack Reilly (8-0-33-1) finally found the breakthrough in the seventh over, bowling S Webber for 6 with the score on 29. Vale had to wait until after the drinks break for another, Iestyn Fenn (5-0-38-2) getting the wicket of M Lewis (18) before also claiming G Ford's (0) wicket in the same over, this time a catch by Chris Haskins.

Kenny Thomas (5-1-21-0) bowled well but chances were missed in the field and the game was getting away from Vale until finally some catches stuck! Tim Stephenson (7-1-47-2) and Catrin Stephens (5-0-33-2) claimed four wickets in the space of five crucial overs; M Griffiths (0) and L Moy (27) both off the bowling of Stephens with Stephenson removing Z Webber (10) and dangerous opener Nathan Griffiths (after a superb 82), this time caught by keeper Mark Stephens.

Ben Stephenson (1-0-1-2) secured his first (and second) senior wickets in his opening over, father Tim Stephenson catching I Evans (0) and R Bean (4) was bowled with the last ball of the over. P Gilbert (6.4-0-22-1) finished off the innings, bowling J Corbett (1) with J Edmonds (0) the not out batsmen, 212 all out the innings score.

Set the target of 213 to win, Vale were pegged back early on losing Iestyn Fenn (1) in the first over, caught off the bowing of R Bean (8-1-40-2).

Fellow opener Rob Gooch sought to take hold of the game, smashing a quickfire 36 before finally being adjudged lbw in the seventh over off the bowling of M Griffiths (8-1-35-2). Vale lost two more quick wickets, Chris Haskins (2) and Mike Reilly (4), both bowled off Bean and Griffiths respectively.

Jack Reilly and Mark Stephens pulled together a much needed 49-run partnership to steady the ship, Reilly with a mature 24 runs before being bowled by L Moy (8-2-38-2) in a devastating double wicket maiden 19th over that also saw Bean take a superb catch to oust T Stephenson (0).

At 103-6, P Gilbert met Stephens in the centre and with grit, determination and a small amount of luck, they had batted themselves into a winning position and a nailbiting finish to the game.

With Vale needing seven runs off the last over, Gilbert (47 n.o.) found the boundary to win the game with one ball to spare and concluded a 107-run partnership with Stephens, who ended on a heroic and player of the match performance of 68 not out.

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Old Hall Bridge Club results

THE Old Hall Bridge Club results for Wednesday, June 19 are:

First Margaret Bancroft 57.08 per cent, second Mary Wallis and Myrtle Hansard 55.42 per cent.

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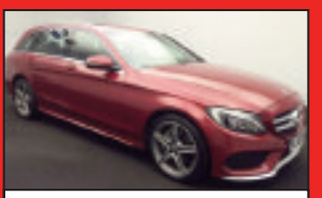

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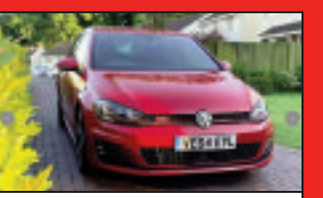

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Looking back with Brian Lee to racing in 1993

THE GEM's Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene for the national and local press for a record 53 years, takes another look at one of his many press cuttings books.

This report on the Pentyrch Hunt Point-To-Point, along with an head and shoulder picture of Cowbridge's John Llewellyn, appeared in The GEM on April 29, 1993.

Unlike the Aintree Grand National, the 12 runners in the Welsh Point-To-Point Grand National over four miles at the Pentyrch Hunt Steeplechases at Llantwit Major got off to a good start.

Most of the early running was made by Tim Jones' mount *Pat Stee*, but the 1990 winner, 11-year-old *Shuttlecock Star*, drew clear after jumping the 19th of the 25 fences to win easily by 25 lengths from 13-year-old *Majestic Buck*.

Shuttlecock Star, who was winning for the third time this season, was ridden by Newport's Andrew Price.

The local hope, *St Helen's Boy* who won last year's race, trailed in fifth and last place.

Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn landed a double with *Chibougama* (maiden division two) and *Duke of Impney* (maiden division three) to bring his career total of wins to an incredible 261.

Only two other riders in the history of the sport have ridden more winners than Llewellyn, who is surely a candidate for the Welsh Sportspersons' Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately, point-to-point racing, which produced the famed Anthony and Rees brothers, Fulke Walwyn, Hywel Davies and Carl Llewellyn, does not get a look in in the rugby and soccer-oriented press.

Llewellyn has ridden 18 winners over the Moorlands course which is two more than any other rider. David Stephens had the restricted open race all sewn up on his father's *Belhelvie* who made nearly all the running, but unfortunately his weight cloth came off just 10 yards from the winning post.

The race was awarded to Jon Parry Keen's mount *Origami* who would have been a well-beaten 20 lengths second. Stephens had quick consolation when winning the first division of the split maiden on eight-year-old *Polly Pringle* who had eight lengths to spare over *Bachelor's Pet* at the finish.

Lexden was an impressive winner of the third division under David Jones who was standing in for Robert Rowsell, who was suffering from concussion after falling from *Tanegrus* in the restricted open. Earlier in the day, Robert had won the members' race on his father's *Castle Farm*.

Joe Price made it four wins in a row on nine-year-old *Taureen Tycoon* who took up the running approaching the second last to win the confined race by 15 lengths from *Chief Ironside*.

There was a good class field for the ladies' open race which was won by Candy Thomas on *Up The Lad*.

I also reported that the Llangeinor Hunt Steeplechases were being held for the first time at Caegawr Farm, Bridgend, the following Saturday and that the country's leading point-to-pointer, *Brunico*, whom I had dubbed the '*Desert Orchid* of Wales' was an intended runner for the men's open race.

*Please e-mail your horse racing stories and pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920736438.

Promotion season recognised at Barry RFC's end of season awards

BARRY Rugby Club held their annual awards evening at the clubhouse last Saturday.

Players and supporters alike filled the club to celebrate an outstanding season where they gained promotion to Division 1 for the first time in the club's history.

In a change to the usual guest speaker, this year the club were entertained by comedian Paul James, whose risque sense of humour was well received by an appreciative audience.

Brian Davies, a captain of the club in the late 1990s and now elite performance director for the Sports Council for Wales joined the gathering to present the awards.

Peter Froud provided an enjoyable meal once again, and thanks go him and his hard-working staff. As ever Carol and her staff kept the bar ticking over until the early hours, thanks go to them also.

In his welcoming speech the chairman paid tribute to the efforts of players, coaches and background staff who had achieved so much this year, while not forgetting the efforts of Joel Williams for his hard work in keeping the second XV on the field.

He finished by mentioning those members and friends the club has sadly lost in the past year.

It was then onto the awards for the evening. Club colours were awarded to the following for achieving 50 games for the club: Sam Bowdich, Ethan Dicks, Jake Goodfellow, Luke Hewitson, Harry Moyle and Richie O'Sullivan.

Head coach Jon Bryant then announced the winners of the playing awards - the player of the year award went to Harry Moyle for his outstanding season; the club player of the year went to Tom Perry; the Bethan Howell award, presented by Lyn Howell, went to Gareth Hall in recognition of his commitment to the squad this year; and the most improved player award for the first XV was awarded to flying winger Dylan Robertson.

Glynn Pirso then took over to announce the awards for the second XV - player of the year went to Jon Morris with Luke Hewitson receiving the award as most improved player.

It was then the turn of the chairman to announce the winners of what was expected to be the final two awards. Firstly he announced Andy Jamieson as the clubman of the year.

The chairman's award, when announced, was received to prolonged applause and cheering, as James Hollister stepped forward to receive the trophy.

James was injured during the season, which has seen him wearing a head and neck brace for the past three months and he still waits to have it removed.

Despite this, he has missed only one game since his injury, and that only because the brace had slipped and he was at the hospital getting fixed. He has continued to support his teammates and is seen as the father figure to many of them.

In a final twist, the club felt that the achievement of getting promotion should be recognised and it was decided to award a commemorative medal to all those who had been part of the momentous season, 49 in total.

That brought the end to the official part of the evening and the club are grateful for the generosity of Channing's Dental Services who kindly sponsored the trophies for a second year.

Congratulations go to all the winners and soon it will be time to meet the challenges next season is bound to bring.

The night carried on into the early hours and as numbers drifted away to the sounds of the 'Dad's Army Choir' the evening came to a natural end.

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Injury forces Glamorgan wicket keeper to retire

GLAMORGAN'S reserve wicket-keeper Tom Cullen says that he is hoping to provide the club with a selection headache when captain and first choice keeper Chris Cooke returns from an ankle ligament injury in the coming weeks.

Australian-born Cullen has provided effective cover with bat and gloves, including a match-winning unbeaten 51 at Derby last month. He followed that up with 63 against Northants and another half-century (50) against Middlesex at Radlett this week.

"It's been quite pleasing to get an opportunity and to contribute to a really good win up in Derby, but also on the back of that, another good win away at Northants. It's one thing to get an opportunity, but it's another thing to go in and really grasp it with both hands. I was just really pleased that I did that and showed a few people what it is that I can contribute to the club.

"Chris [Cooke] is a really great player and has been for Glamorgan for a number of years now. We obviously want him to get back fit as quickly as he can. But if I can provide a selection headache for them, that's good for the club. But failing that, I am the number two at the club, and I'll contribute as best I can, in any way that I can."

Even when Cooke does eventually don the gloves again, Cullen doesn't rule out the possibility of claiming a batting spot in the side.

"I'm sure it might be an avenue where I can potentially play. I'm not getting ahead of myself too much, though. When he's fit again, that's a decision that'll be up to the management. The only thing I can keep doing is to keep trying to perform and contribute to the performances we're showing out on the park, which have been pretty positive."

Such positivity, according to Cullen, can be attributed to the new combination of Mark Wallace as Director of Cricket and Matthew Maynard as Head Coach, and also to the new additions to the playing staff.

"Matt and Mark were adamant that we needed to be tougher to beat as a team and as a club, and we needed to change some attitudes around the circuit of who we are against who we were. That, I guess, has been the most pleasing thing, that we are and continue to be unbeaten, and we're hoping to remain unbeaten for as long as we can.

"We've obviously had some brilliant additions to the squad and the team that have come in and done really well – Rooty [Billy Root], Charlie Hemphrey, Marnus Labuschagne – but it's just an attitude change that Mark and Matt have come in with, and have brought a really positive attitude to the players, and have given them a really positive outlook on how to play cricket."

As well as an attitude change, Cullen believes that pride in the county and what it stands for, as the only Welsh side in the County Championship, has also played a significant part in the team's success this year.

"Glamorgan is obviously a big club in Wales and our mantra remains the same, which is that we want to Make Wales Proud, and we obviously want to make our supporters really proud."

The daffodil county will be hoping to carry that Welsh pride with them when they venture over the bridge this weekend to take on nearest rivals Gloucestershire in their next Specsavers County Championship match in Division Two.

"We obviously know them very well. We play a lot against them, we know what they're about and how good they can be. We go into that game the same as we've gone into every game in the past five or six. We go in, take them on, play hard cricket and we'll be tough to beat. Hopefully, in the game, we can get ahead and go there and get a really positive result going in to the last three games before the T20s."

By Alun Rhys Chivers for the ECB Reporters' Network

Wales Deaf Open hosted by Brynhill

ON June 15, Brynhill Golf Club played host to the Wales Deaf Open, with the weather giving us four seasons in one day, keeping scores low was particularly tough with the players having to constantly adapt to ever changing climatic conditions.

The trophy has been the other side of the Severn Bridge for five years, since last Welsh winner Daniel Rees lifted it. Much rested on the shoulders of Barry boy Nick Daniels, Brynhill's own first team captain, but Nick wasn't in contention as Englishman Michael Burris, the one handicapper, posted a superb 74, three better than runner-up Marc Murphy. A well deserved victory that sees the trophy again remaining in Albion for another 12 months.

It wasn't all doom and gloom for Wales as Billy Harris (Llanelli) won best nett with Barry boy Sam Lazenbury coming second, in the Stableford competition first prize went to Brynhill member Darren Lloyd, while Royal Porthcawl's Nick Lacey finished second.

The manager of the Wales Deaf Golf Society thanked Brynhill for hosting the event, complementing the "fantastic" course, and wished to thank Brynhill's wonderful caters for the standard of food and level of service they received, hoping to return to this superb venue in the not too distant future.

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Sully bowlers enjoy the sun at Barry Island

SULLY Bowling Club travelled to Barry Island on Wednesday evening on what turned out to be a beautiful night.

After rain most of the day it cleared to blue skies and a really great bowling surface at the Athletic club.

The midweek side struggled but kept trying, and through 12 ends were only six down, but then as usual faded near the end to lose by 22, with only the one rink up.

Thanks to some really good bowling from A Kelly, D Curtin, J Best and T Murphy (22-15) two points were secured; the other scores had J Hubbard, R Nethercote, A Rees and D Hotchkiss losing in the last two ends 12-15, B Danscombe, H Thomas, K Mahoney and M Hardy 8-23 and R Fitzjohn, E Pryer, P Neale and D Edwards 10-21.

Saturday saw the visit of Ynysangharad from Pontypridd visit the village,and they saw it at its best with calm seas and clear sky - we even had a fly past for them.

Last year the Villagers lost home and away to these and keeping tight heads was the order of the day.

Right from the off it was very tight, and after seven ends there was only six points in it but with one rink 10 up. On 14 ends it was two up, one square and 12 shots to the good. The home side held firm with three rinks up and were 26 shots to the good .

D Edwards' rink with B Curtis, A Rees, D Hotchkiss got in front in the last four ends and won by one, 17-16, while D Curtis' rink, with G John, J Hubbard and A Thomas won six of the last seven ends to win 27-18.

This week's special mention is for the D Lougher, D Curtin, J Best and T Murphy rink who won 17 of the 21 ends and carried the game for a 34-5 win.

A really great display of bowling; A Smith, H Thomas, M Hardy and B Griffiths lost 8-21.

This week sees the Villagers play Gelli Park on Saturday.

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Vale-trained wins at Ffos Las

EVAN Williams, Tim Vaughan and David Brace, who all train horses in the Vale area, saddled winners at Ffos Las last Thursday evening.

Williams took the opening novices' handicap chase with *Grania O'Malley* who, under stable jockey Adam Wedge, got home by three parts of a length from *Topofthecotswolds*.

Then 40 minutes later, Vaughan took the handicap chase with *Midnight Folie,* who was winning for the sixth time on the bounce. Later in the evening, Brace won the handicap hurdle with *Patsio*.

Midnight Folie was partnered by west Wales' Ben Jones and was made an odds-on favourite but *Patsio*, who was ridden by Mr Brace's grandson Connor Brace, was returned at odds of 11-1.

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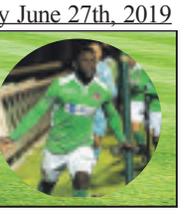

Winning streak comes to an end for Cavaliers

AFTER having won the five previous fixtures the Cavaliers travelled to Llandarcy full of expectation of another win.

On paper the result should have been a foregone conclusion with Llandarcy sitting just above the relegation zone after having lost their last three fixtures.

The Cavs skipper, Gareth Toutt lost the toss and, on a wet wicket, was invited to bat first.

Toutt opened with himself and Steve Collins. Collins, like a number of other Cavs batmen, has not spent enough time at the crease this season and this was an opportunity for him to build his confidence.

The Llandarcy opening bowlers soon found the ideal line and length for the conditions and with the ball moving both in the air and off the wicket, they were rewarded with the early wicket of Collins in the 4th over.

This bought Rob Toutt to the wicket to join his brother. Rob settled early with some positive stroke play but within 4 overs he misjudged the conditions and was caught and bowled for the second time this season. Two balls later Gareth was also back in the changing room after he too was caught, leaving the Cavs 3 down with only 37 on the board after 8 overs.

A disastrous start but the Cavs were still confident that they could post a respectable score.

The task of steadying the ship fell to Shane Callard and Sam Pickford.

This was Pickford's first game of the season, but the lack of practice didn't show as he soon found the pace of the wicket. Callard however struggled and in the 11th over he also was back in the pavilion.

Pickford drove on and despite losing a number of partners, he passed the 50 mark, off just 54 balls. Pickford continued to push but was caught in the 31st over for an excellent 72. This left the Cavs on 142 for 8 with 9 overs remaining.

The 'tail' added another 32 vital runs before being bowled out in the penultimate over.

After being rescued by Pickford the Cavs were in an upbeat mood and why not? In recent weeks they had bowled and fielded superbly well and 174 was good target in damp conditions.

Opening pairing of Gurpreet Romana and Robert Toutt set about their task of taking wickets and despite some early aggressive batting, Romana took the first wicket in the third over. The 'account' was open, and the Cavs pressed for the next wicket.

Unfortunately, the Llandarcy batsmen had other ideas and with a combination of aggressive batting and some luck, they went past the 50 mark in the 11th over and the 100 mark in the 20th. The Cavs continued to push for wickets but the Llandarcy pair remained steadfast and carried their bats until the 34th over when they past the Cavs' total, resulting in a 9-wicket victory and maximum points.

Next week the Cavs are at home at Windmill Lane against low lying Felinfoel who have lost their last three matches. Based on this week's performance, the Cavs will need to forget recent form and focus on their many strengths.

After all they are no pub team!

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Nipper carnival success for Llantwit Surf Lifesaving Club

ABOVE: The young Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club members pictured at Whitmore Bay during the event.

FOLLOWING weeks of practice, the Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club Nippers hosted their Nipper Carnival at Whitmore Bay on Barry Island.

With the incoming tide and a fair current, the first event was the seven-year-old wade with most of the Llantwit Major kids gaining points for the team and Lilly Hewitt bagging a silver medal.

Medals followed for Tilly Godsell (bronze), Emily McDonagh (silver) and Bel Durrant (bronze) in their age group races.

The second event was the board race and with the still conditions it was perfect for the quick paddlers.

Tula Jennings had a great race to get a bronze while her brother, Maverick Jennings, pipped his long-time rival to get the gold medal.

The final event was the board relay with the Llantwit Major team of Olaf Szamocki, Finnley Burton and Scott Sawyer getting bronze.

Following a break to refuel and with the tide dropping it was onto the beach events.

Unfortunately for the competitors it was the dreaded long run! There were medals for the Llantwit Major team for Ailsa Webber (silver), Lilly Hewitt (bronze), Penny Butterworth (bronze) and Flo Durrant (gold).

Flags was next with Llantwit Major performing well in fierce competition. Elen Woodhall (silver), Ben Butterworth (bronze), Caleb Stockton (gold), Morgan Beasley (bronze) and Elian Davies (silver) managed medals in their age group events.

With both parents and competitors tiring it was on to the final events of the day in the form of beach sprint relays and two of the Llantwit Major teams dominated their age groups with golds for the eight-year-old team of Beau Bartlett-Jenkins, Finnley Burton, Tilly Godsell and Penny Butterworth, then another for the 10-year-old team of Charlie Sheldon, Bel Durrant, Flo Durrant and Caleb Stockton.

After the results were calculated it was Sker who dominated the day and Llantwit Major came sixth overall.

Many thanks to all the kids who competed. Their energy, friendship and athleticism was a joy to watch.

Also, thanks to the parents, supporters, helpers and many Junior members of the club who mucked in and made the day run smoothly.

The team are now focusing their efforts on the upcoming SLSA Wales Nipper Championships at Aberavon at the middle of July.

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Vale winners at Ffos Las

EVAN Williams, Tim Vaughan and David Brace, who all train horses in the Vale area, saddled winners at Ffos Las last Thursday evening.

Williams took the opening novices' handicap chase with *Grania O'Malley* who, under stable jockey Adam Wedge, got home by three parts of a length from *Topofthecotswolds*.

Then 40 minutes later, Vaughan took the handicap chase with *Midnight Folie* who was winning for the sixth time on the bounce. Later in the evening, Brace won the handicap hurdle with *Patsio.*

Midnight Folie was partnered by west Wales' Ben Jones and was made an odds-on favourite but *Patsio,* who was ridden by Mr Brace's grandson Connor Brace, was returned at odds of 11-1.

Brian Lee

Seconds slip up

AFTER back to back victories in the last two weeks, Cowbridge Second XI were hopeful when they travelled to Drefach last Saturday.

Cowbridge lost the toss and were asked to bat first. The opening pair of Joe Russell and Jonty Webb started brightly, taking the score to 24 before Russell was caught at first slip.

This brought Heath Webb to the crease and from that point an excellent partnership was built between Heath and Jonty. Punishing the bad deliveries and running well between the wickets, the pair took the score to 90 off 23 overs before Jonty was out for a well-made 42.

The runs flowed as Heath continued to bat superbly, ably supported by Naveed Younis. However, with the loss of Heath for 68 and then in quick succession Naveed for a bright and breezy 14, the brakes were put on.

Although Alastair Lawson played well in making 20, the innings petered out at 167 off 40 overs. Having been 90 for 2 off 23, Cowbridge should have reached a greater total and were conscious that they would have to bowl and field well to have any chance.

Unfortunately, Cowbridge will rue the fact that their bowling wasn't up to the usual standard. The Drefach batsmen were rarely in trouble and the score began to rise. Although the fielding was generally good, with members such as Will Harris, David Webb and Umar Raffique all trying hard the bowling was wayward which made it very difficult for captain Joe Russell to set a field. While there were two wickets for Heath, Drefach reached the Cowbridge total in the 36th over with many wickets in hand.

Cowbridge have to apply themselves better with the bat and also be more disciplined when it comes to the bowling. They will hope to improve things next week at home to Skewen.

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Another win for Firsts

SATURDAY was a day at Cowbridge Athletic Club when all seemed to be quintessentially British.

A cloudless sky, a manicured cricket ground and men in whites enjoying a match watched by an appreciative crowd, as Cowbridge hosted Llangennech.

Above all else it was a day for cricket.

A home win by some ease by 10 wickets was the result.

A solid team bowling performance was led by Rian Thomas with three wickets as Brad Evans was not able to bowl off his long run.

Nevertheless, the total of 165 all out never looked enough to trouble the duo of the artful nudger that is Tom Merilaht who proceeded to 64 not out including a six that hit the sightscreen.

Whatever next?

Well, there was the delight that the game came to its end with the graceful driver, Wright needing to get a four to bring up his second hundred in eight innings and win the game in a single stroke.

It was splendidly accomplished and it was time to shake hands and head for the bar.

The spoils of 20 points ensured the 1st XI remained top of the league of the oldest cricket championship in south Wales.

The prospect of promotion to the Premier League now appears to rest between Cowbridge and Tata Steel, even at this early stage of the season.

Cowbridge have one precious advantage that might be very important.

They can slip a game, even Tata at home on July 13 and still hold a lead if both sides otherwise remain unbeaten.

Beat Tata and then it will be Cowbridge's to lose.

Owen Ruttley once said that the most fun you could have was to sit on the boundary and talk nonsense with your team-mates.

Such was the confidence of the supporters that they had only been keeping one eye on the game as they began a debate as to what may have constituted the best XI over the past 50 years.

The rules were established that the player must have played a significant amount of First XI cricket.

For this coming week the selectors are looking for five batsmen who played from 1970.

They did not need to have any particular place in the batting order.

Next week we'll be looking for bowlers, and then we'll round up with the wicket keeper, captain and the selectors' opposition XI.

There were some lovely summers around the early 1970s but it's the players we want rather than the weather.

Entries by email to jrb@rsbird.com.

A drink of the winner's choice after the Tata match is the prize.

Llantwit bowlers up in Cup, down in the league

LAST week, Llantwit visited Millwood for their Munro Cup match, a game dominated by Llantwit winning on three rinks 95-48 shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink overwhelmed the opposition winning all but five ends in a 26-shot win.

Graham Jones's rink were level on the sixth end before winning the next three ends. Millwood responded by taking the next three ends to go three ahead but Llantwit won five of the remaining ends to win by seven.

Neville Young's rink were 10 shots up by the eighth end they remained in the lead until the final end when they conceded seven shots, giving Millwood an unexpected draw.

Steve Booker's rink took a commanding lead of 10 shots by the sixth end. Millwood hit back, taking the next six ends to be only one shot behind Llantwit, who then surged clear to win by 14 shots.

On Saturday, Llantwit continued their losing run in the league when they visited Cyfarthfa Castle Bowls Club losing on all rinks 82-64 shots.

Steve Booker's rink had a tight match where the opposition went ahead by six shots. On the 18th end Llantwit drew level, only to concede 4 shots on the final end.

Charles Hiscock's rink were leading by 3 shots on the 7th and it stayed close, with the scores level on the 18th end before the opposition won the final three ends to win by five.

Graham Jones's rink were up against it from the start. Llantwit trailed by 17 but a spirited fight back reduced the deficit to eight.

Neville Young's rink held their own throughout the match. Llantwit had a six-shot advantage on the 15th end before losing the next five to go behind by 3. A 'two' 2 by Llantwit on the final end reduced the deficit to one.

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